

from him as former sheriff of the county aforesaid, all of which is submitted.

By order, BEN: RICHARDSON, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Pechin delivers a petition from Lydia Kidder, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs. Pechin, Veazey and Groome.

On motion by Mr. Herbert; *Ordered*, That the following be added to the rules of this house, viz:

“40th. No bill or resolution, of a private nature, shall be printed without the special order of the house.”

On motion by Mr. Evans, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, An act empowering the surveyors of the several counties of this state, and their deputies, to qualify their chain-carriers. *Ordered*, That Messrs Evans, R. Neale and Herbert be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Marriott delivers the following report:

THE Committee to whom was referred the petition of Gassaway Watkins, of Anne-Arundel county, report, That they have had the same under consideration, and are satisfied, from the most ample testimony, that the petitioner served his country in the Maryland line, during the revolutionary war, as an officer of distinguished merit, in a manner highly honorable to himself, and truly characteristic of the American soldier and patriot; they therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby directed to pay annually, in quarterly payments, unto Gassaway Watkins, late a captain in the Maryland line of the revolutionary war, or to his order, a sum of money equal to the half-pay of a captain, as a further reward to those meritorious services rendered his country in securing her liberty and independence.

By order, LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill for the relief of Dominick Galt and John Thomas; and on motion by Mr. Frisby, the following order was read: “*Ordered*, That the petitioner counter to the petition of Galt and Thomas be heard by council at the bar of this house;” and the question put, That the house assent thereto? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Frisby delivers a petition from Charles Denston, counter to the memorial of Galt and Thomas; which was read, and the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Randall, the question was put, That the bill to keep in repair the public road leading from the Reister's-town turnpike road, near the city of Baltimore, to the Windsor mills, now have a second reading by special order? Determined in the negative.