

severally read the second time, dissented from, and with the following message sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, Jan. 4, 1812.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We return you the resolutions in favor of Gassaway Watkins, John S. Belt, William Bruce, Edward Tillard, Robert Halkerstone, Cornelius H. Mills, John M' Coy, John J. Jacob and John Mitchell, having negatived them because they are founded upon a principle we do not think it just and equitable to establish, that of giving to each officer a pension equal to half pay estimated by the rank he held in the army. These officers are, generally speaking, of the same estimation and usefulness in society, and we can see no propriety in the distinction; and if one must be made, we would prefer founding it upon the poverty and wants of the different applicants. Much difficulty however would arise in fixing this principle, and as we view the donations to the officers and soldiers a mere act of charity and of bounty, we may regulate that charity and that bounty as we may deem just. Therefore, if you will return us a resolution embracing the names of all the officers above mentioned, and giving to each of them annually, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, it will meet with our concurrence.

By order,

T. ROGERS, Clk.

The bill entitled, An act to authorise the chancellor to decree a sale of certain lands; and the bill entitled, An act for the relief of Upton Ross, of Calvert county, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, An act to incorporate the congregation of United Brethren or Moravian church at Graceham in Frederick county, was read the second time and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, An act to ascertain and provide for the payment of certain damages sustained by John Logsdon and others, of Frederick county, was read the second time by special order, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, A further supplement to the act entitled, An act to lay out a road therein mentioned; and the bill entitled, An act to incorporate the Charitable Society of the city of Annapolis, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, An act for the relief of Jacob Gettig, of the city of Baltimore; the bill entitled, An act for the relief of William Jordan, of the city of Baltimore; and the bill entitled, An act for the relief of William Slater, of the city of Baltimore, were severally read the second time by special order and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.