

mination evinces, that although the wound appears to be healed upon the surface, yet it is deep-rooted; and no person can say, whether an antidote can be applied.

It is proper here to remark, that indulgencies have been again extended, during the present session, in several cases which did not come under the observation of your committee. Your committee may be censured for watching with too much vigilance, over this part of their duties, but the records of your state, and the increased taxation upon many counties to pay for the negligence of defaulting registers and clerks, sufficiently prove the importance of this subject. In all those cases where your committee have recommended further time to be allowed to the clerks to complete their records, it appears that they are in a state of much greater forwardness than the records in many counties in the state, and can be completed in a few months, or a few weeks. The committee have recommended further time to them, as expressive of the approbation of this house for their punctuality and correctness, and believing, that the necessity for a short indulgence, grew out of circumstances over which they had no control.

The communication from the attorney-general upon the subject of the resolution of 1823, will be the subject of another report.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

W. H. Emory, Clk.

Resolved, That Joseph Harris, clerk of St. Mary's county court, be allowed the further time of twelve months to complete the records of the court, required to be recorded under the act of 1817, ch. 119.

Resolved, That Thomas Murphey, clerk of Queen-Anne's county court, be allowed the further time of twelve months to complete the records of the court, required to be recorded under the act of 1817, ch. 119.

Resolved, That Otho H. Williams, clerk of Washington county court, be and he is hereby authorised to complete the records of judgments, docket entries, and judicial proceedings, in Washington county court, which should have been recorded by his predecessor, Elie Williams, and the further time until the first of January 1828, is hereby allowed and extended to him to complete the same.

Which was read.

Mr. Duvall delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of George Page, inspector of tobacco at Bladensburgh, to be compensated for the discharge of extra services, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—Resolved, That the levy court of Prince-George's county be and they are hereby authorised, to allow to George Page, inspector of tobacco at the Bladensburgh warehouse, whatever compensation they may deem him entitled to, for the performance of extra duties during the last year.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from sundry citizens of Washington county, praying that the law may be so modified as to authorise proceedings against the securities of delinquent constables, before justices of the peace, when the amount claimed does exceed \$50; referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Duvall presents a petition from Mary Ann Bridewell, praying relief; referred to the standing committee on similar subjects.

Mr. Turner obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the commissioners of the tax in Baltimore county, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Turner, Shower and M. Culloh, report the same.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorise the sheriffs of the several counties of this state to appoint physicians to the jails. Ordered, That Messrs. Barnes, Cockey and Speed, report the same.

Mr. Barnes reports said bill.