

"Whereas, at the present time it is probable that the ordinary revenue of the State is insufficient to meet the current expenses, and there is no reasonable probability that this unpleasant state of things will cease to exist for some time to come, it therefore becomes the imperious duty of those entrusted with the interests of the State, to adopt the most rigid system of economy which may be compatible with the public welfare, and to examine carefully whether or not great retrenchment may not be made in the expenses of the government without injury to any of its interests,

Ordered, That the Speaker appoint a committee of seven whose duty it shall be to inquire, if any, and what retrenchments can be made in the current expenses of the State, subject to the restrictions above, and report the same to this House."

Which was read;

Mr. Alexander moved to amend said order by striking out the preamble thereof;

Resolved in the affirmative,

Mr. Hicks moved further to amend said order by adding at the end thereof the following,

"And be it further ordered, That no per diem allowance for itinerant charges be allowed to the members of the House of Delegates now in attendance,"

Determined in the negative;

On motion of Mr. Brengle, said order was amended by striking out these words, "subject to the restrictions above,"

Mr. Hicks moved to lay said order on the table,

Determined in the negative;

The question then recurred and was put upon the adoption of the order as amended,

Resolved in the affirmative;

In pursuance whereof the Speaker appointed Messrs. Richardson, Alexander, Kershner, Carpenter, Gough, Hicks and Ballard, the committee.

On motion of Mr. Worthington, the 41st Rule of the House was amended by striking out in the 7th line thereof the word "other," and adding at the end thereof the following, "at any time previous to the commencement by the clerk to call the yeas and nays."

Mr. McDaniel moved that the house adjourn,

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Culbreth submitted the following order,

Ordered, That the chief clerk cause the floor of the House of Delegates to be covered with a good and substantial car-