

Resolved, That — be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to examine and determine, whether the wing dam erected near the head of the canal on the river Susquehanna, has the effect of obstructing the free navigation of said river, and if they shall determine that it has that effect, then and in such case to cause such obstruction to be prostrated or removed.

Resolved, That before the commissioners or men selected as aforesaid, shall proceed to act, they shall make oath or affirmation, as the case may be, well and truly to discharge their duties as such, and shall have full power to call before them and examine witnesses touching the obstructions erected by the Susquehanna Canal Company, and shall be allowed the sum of two dollars per day for their necessary attendance in the duties hereby assigned. to be paid by the treasurer of the western shore; and shall have power to allow to each witness attending in virtue of process by them issued, such sum of money not exceeding one dollar per day, as said commissioners shall deem reasonable and just, to be paid by the treasurer of the western shore.

Resolved, That the said commissioners return to the next session of this legislature a full report of their proceedings under these resolutions, and also the jury, in case there shall be a jury appointed.

All of which is submitted.

By order,

J. IRELAND, Jr. Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Duvall presents a memorial from the register of the land office on the western shore, counter to the memorial of Charles Gibson, Esq. which was read and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter. Ordered, That Messrs. Duvall and Lecompte be added to the said committee.

On motion by Mr. Ross, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled. An act relating to the sheriff of Frederick county. Ordered, That Messrs. Ross, Warfield and Hawkins, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Hayward, Ordered, That Messrs. Maulsby, Lecompte, Harrison and Ross, be added to the committee on the petition of Thomas N. Hambleton.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 18, 1820.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

The bill rejected by your honourable house entitled, An act supplementary to the act, entitled, An act for the further compensation of jurors in Harford county, was not intended to make any new additional allowance to jurors, but merely to carry into effect a law which passed both branches of the legislature at the last session; making that provision, but which, owing to an error in the engrossing clerk, was not printed as passed. We would refer to the 71st and 88th pages of the votes and proceedings of the house of delegates, to shew at large what we have above stated. The present allowance to jurors in Harford county is very inconsiderable, and as the bill which we herewith return is only intended to carry into effect one in which a small increase is contemplated, and being strictly local, we would respectfully solicit your reconsideration, and concurrence in the same.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Maulsby presents a report in favour of William Wellman, a revolutionary soldier; which was read.

Mr. Marriott delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry inhabitants of Anne Arundel county, and the city of Annapolis, praying that a law may pass authorising the levy court of Anne Arundel county to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county the sum of twelve thousand dollars, in three annual equal instalments, for the purpose of building a court house, beg leave to report—That they have had the same under consideration, and from the number of very respectable persons who have signed said memorial, together with a conviction that the county of Anne Arundel ought to have a court house, your committee would willingly report a law to effect that object, if they could believe that it was called for by a majority of the people of said county. But inasmuch as there has not been that full expression of the wishes of the people on this subject, which your committee conceive necessary before they could impose on their constituents the tax requisite to build a court house; and as the smallest increase of county taxes would operate severely upon the people, owing to the embarrassed situation of the times, your committee are compelled, from these considerations, to report, that the prayer of the memorialists ought not at this time to be granted. All which is submitted.

By order,

I. SPENCE, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Forwood delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, against the practice of placing fish pots in the Susquehanna river; which was read and referred to Messrs. Forwood, Maulsby, Norris, Patten and Maffett.

Mr. Boyle presents the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Karney, report—that they have examined the original muster rolls in the Auditor's office, and find that the same are in a torn and mutilated condition, and that some of the outside leaves are entirely separated from the books, and that in a short time this only remaining evidence of the claims of the soldiers of the revolution would have perished; but the committee find that the Auditor has caused them to be transcribed into three neatly bound books, handsomely lettered and numbered, that No. 1 contains the names of five regiments, No. 2 contains four regiments, No. 3 the names of men omitted to be inserted in the original muster rolls of regiment 3, 4, 5 and 6, which were promiscuously set down, but are now placed in alphabetical order. As the committee are of opinion that this is a work of public importance, and that the Auditor should be remunerated for his expense, time and labour, the following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised, to pay to Thomas Karney, for transcribing the muster rolls of the Maryland troops on the continental establishment, the sum of — dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury. All of which is submitted.

By order,

J. H. CARROLL, Clk.

Which was read.

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