

estimate as they may be enabled to make of the probable cost of the said canal, and all other information relative to the same, which they may deem important to be communicated.

*Further resolved*, That the commissioners appointed by virtue of these resolutions shall be entitled to the sum of four dollars for every day they may be engaged in the above undertaking, and that the governor and council be authorised to pay to the engineer to be employed by them, such compensation for his services as they may deem reasonable, and also to make such advances for the necessary expenses attending the execution of this commission as they may think proper to be allowed; which was read.

Mr. Teackle delivers the following report:

The committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of printing the public laws from stereotype plates, and of preserving plates as the property of the state, with a view to subsequent supplies of the entire code, or of such of the laws as may relate to any particular branch of legislation, and of printing a lesser number of the private acts in the ordinary mode, to report an estimate of the saving which might result to the state from the proposed improvement, have had the matters referred to them under consideration, and beg leave to report as follows:

That sufficient evidence has been exhibited to manifest the expediency of the measure proposed, but that the preparation of the plates cannot be completed in time for the present year. They therefore beg leave to recommend the consideration of this improvement to the earliest attention of the next general assembly.

The committee would further beg leave to suggest, the saving which might result to the state, from the printing of a lesser number of the private acts than has been usual, and therefore recommend that not more than one copy of such acts for each person, or association of persons, immediately concerned, shall be printed and distributed. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

T. CROSS, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy reports a bill entitled, An act for the extension of Forrest street in the city of Baltimore. Mr. A. Lee reports the bill entitled, An act to incorporate the Potomac canal company, as amended. Mr. Slemaker reports a bill entitled, An act to authorise the clerks of the county courts on the eastern shore to grant license to hawkers and pedlers. Mr. Millard reports a bill entitled, An act to continue in force the acts of assembly which would expire with the present session. Mr. Steele reports a bill entitled, A further supplement to the act entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons; and Mr. H. Kemp reports a bill entitled, An act authorising the orphans courts of this state to decree the sale of real estate in certain cases; which were read.

The bill to appoint a trustee for the sale of the real estate of Jacob Weaver, of Baltimore county, deceased, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill for the benefit of Thomas Aithens, of Cecil county, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Frances B. Mitchell, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment," which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the bill to provide a revenue for the support of the government of this state, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the benefit of Colonel Roger Jones, of the United States' army, and the bill for the benefit of Elizabeth A. Lowndes, of Prince George's county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Purviance, the resolution relative to laying out a route for a canal from Baltimore to Susquehanna, was recommitted.

Mr. Garner reports a bill entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of Charles county; which was read.

The bill to incorporate an office for the deposit of current bank notes, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Teackle, the question was put, that the title be so amended as to read "uncurrent bank notes?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Ireland, the question was put, that the same be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Purviance delivers the following resolution, as amended:

*Resolved*, That the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council of this state, shall appoint five commissioners, who, or a majority of them, shall be directed to lay out and survey a route for a canal, which will connect the waters of the Susquehanna with the city of Baltimore, beginning at the Conowago Falls, or on a point of said river, which the commissioners may deem the most practicable, & report upon the practicability, the expense, and other necessary circumstances attending the same, to the next general assembly—and that the governor communicate to the executive of Pennsylvania a copy of this resolution, with a request that it may be laid before the general assembly of that state; and that the commissioners may be permitted to make the said survey as far as it may extend within the limits of Pennsylvania, or that the said state would unite with Maryland to forward and promote a work of such importance to both, by the adoption of a similar resolution:

Mr. Thomas Kennedy delivers the following report:

The Committee of Ways and Means ask leave to submit this their second report:

That after having considered the subject of state lotteries, they are convinced that a considerable revenue will be derived from that source, and as the system has never yet had a fair trial, they recommend that it may be continued for another year at least; and although they do not