

tion of the objects of its corporation, and have borrowed large sums of money to further their interest and to carry on their operation, which they are now utterly unable to pay. And whereas, the states' agent the last year directed suit to be instituted against the said company for the debt due the state by them, and they having no funds or means whatever of paying the said claim, the state would thereby only incur expenses and costs, which cannot be refunded her.

Therefore Resolved, that the suit ordered by the agent of the state against the Potomac company, for the debt due the state, be forthwith dismissed, and that a further time of two years be granted to the said company to pay the said claim in.

On motion by Mr. Thomas Kennedy, the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

*Resolved*, That all proceedings on two judgments obtained against Thomas Harwood of Benjamin, formerly collector of Prince-George's county, shall be and hereby are suspended until the first day of October 1827, provided that the said Thoms Harwood of Benjamin, shall pay to the treasurer of the western shore one half of the first judgement obtained against him, with all interest and costs, on or before the first day of October 1824; the remaining half with the interest and any additional costs, that may accrue, on or before the first day of October 1825; the one half of the second judgement, with all the interest and costs, on or before the first day of October 1826; and the remaining half, with interest, and any additional costs that may accrue, on or before the first day of October 1827. *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to release the right of the state to any property, real or personal, which has been already in execution as the property of the said Thomas Harwood of Benjamin, and if the first payment is not punctually made at or before the time specified, this resolution shall then be considered null and void.

On motion by Mr. Meconiken, the following resolution was read, and sent to the senate:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to John Quynn, door-keeper to the house of delegates, the sum of sixty dollars; to Andrew Slicer, messenger to the senate, the sum of sixty dollars, for taking care of the furniture of their respective rooms, during the recess of the legislature.

The bill in favour of William Wright, of Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On the second reading of the bill to regulate sales by public auction, Mr. Purviance moved to refer the same to the next general assembly.

Mr. Chauncey called for the previous question, which was put, that is shall the main question be now put? Determined in the negative.

The bill was afterwards referred to the next general assembly.

The bill relative to the inspection of salted fish, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house resumed the consideration of the supplement to the act laying duties on licences to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes.

The amendments proposed by Messrs. Teackle and Thomas Kennedy were withdrawn.

On motion by Mr. Ireland, that the following be inserted as the second section.

"And be it enacted, that the first section of the act to which this is a further supplement, passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty one, chapter 246, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. Teackle moved the following as a substitute:

"1. Be it enacted, that the respective collectors of the public charges in the several counties of this state, and others to be appointed by the governor and council, in the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis, for the special purposes of this act, shall, before proceeding to execute their respective duties, in addition to the oaths, or affirmations, required by the constitution and form of government, shall swear or affirm, that they will well and faithfully perform all the duties prescribed by this act; which said oath or affirmation, shall be taken and subscribed before an officer duly qualified to administer the same, and be recorded at the expense of the said collector, amongst the records of the county court, as the case may be.

2. And be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the said collectors; and each of them, in the month of March, to deliver, or cause to be delivered, to each and every of the several venders of merchandise, or commercial houses or firms, within the respective counties or cities, a notice in writing, with the form of an oath or affirmation, required to be made or taken by the said venders, houses or firms, in conformity to the provisions of this act; that is to say, I —, or we —, (here insert all the co-partners of the commercial house or firm,) do solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I (or we) will make and keep, or cause to be made and kept, a true and accurate account of all the merchandise sold by me, or my (or our) account, directly or indirectly, or such as may be sold by me (or us,) directly or indirectly, for or on account of any other person or persons, commencing on the first day of April in this present year of our Lord 1823, and to be extended during the continuance of this act; and that I (or we) will deliver the said account or accounts, to the collector of the public revenue for — county or — city, as the case may be semi-annually, in the months of April and October, during the continuance of this act.

3. And be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the said collectors, semi-annually, in the months of April and October, to receive from each of the said venders, houses or firms, within their respective counties or cities, the written declaration, oath and account, prescribed by this act, and to transmit an alphabetical list of the same, with the aggregate of sales annexed, to the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, as the case may be.

4. And be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the said venders, houses or firms, and

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