

OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

That it appears to your committee the said treasurer hath paid from the first day of December 1823 to the first day of December 1824, the sum of 167,519 dollars and 54 1 4 cents, for all which payments have been produced to your committee the necessary vouchers and receipts, and that there remains in the treasury the sum of 133,717 dollars and 83 cents exchanged six per cent stock of the United States, 335, 04 dollars and 74 cents funded three per cent stock of the United States, 3143 dollars and 95 cents of the emissions of bills of credit made by an act of congress of the 18th March 1780, and the sum of 71,686 dollars and 1 1-2 cents cash, which last mentioned sum is appropriated in the manner following, to wit.

Balance of cash in the treasury 1st of December 1824,		71,686 01 1-2
Deduct appropriations due to the 1st of December 1824 then remained unpaid,		
For the payment of the civil list,	2045 46	
For the payment of the judiciary,	4458 59	
For half pay due to officers and soldiers,	20,808 93	
For the payment of the journals of accounts,	4278 94	
For Indian annuities,	5	
For the armourers of the eastern and western shore,	599 73	
For interest on loans to the state in 1821 and 1822,	1316 22	
For the payment of the salaries to the keeper, deputy keepers, clerk, agent and physician to the penitentiary,	1348 34	
For the payment of the claims liquidated pursuant to a resolution of December session 1822, relating to the unlawful obstruction of the navigation of the river Susquehanna,	559 75	
For the journal of accounts at the present session, estimated at	40,000	
	75,420 96	
	Deficit	3734 94 1-2

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

Which was read

Mr. Worthington reports a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and fix the salary of the clerk of the council of this state.

Mr. Kemp from the committee of claims delivers the following report:

The committee of claims beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts and proceedings of William Richardson, Esq. treasurer of the eastern shore of Maryland, and it appears to your committee, that he has received from the first day of November 1823, to the thirty-first day of October eighteen hundred and twenty-four inclusive, for amerciaments, fines and forfeitures, marriage licences, ordinary licences, retailers licences, retailers of dry goods licences, pedlars licences, Nanticoke Bridge Company, direct tax, old balances, and interest \$19,883 51 2-3. And on land \$260 30 1-3. And it appears to your committee, that the said treasurer has paid away to sundry persons, from the first day of November eighteen hundred and twenty three, to the thirty first day of October eighteen hundred and twenty-four, inclusive. the sum of \$5472 29 2-3. in which is included the said treasurer's salary for one year, amounting to \$450, for all which payments the necessary vouchers and receipts have been produced to your committee. And it further appears to your committee, that the said treasurer has paid to the treasurer of the western shore the sum of \$14,671 53 1-3.

Received for licences, &c.	\$19,883 51 2-3
on land	260 30 1-3

Paid to sundry persons	5472 29 2-3	
to the treasurer of the western shore	14671 53 1 3	
	\$20,143 83	\$20,143 83

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

J. COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following order was read and assented to.

Whereas the security of free representative government and the wealth and prosperity of states, mainly depend upon the general diffusion of useful knowledge: And whereas the improvement of agriculture, and the advancement of science, are preeminently essential to the happiness of the people, and the general welfare:

It is therefore ordered, That a committee, to consist of seven members, be appointed by the speaker, to inquire into the present system of public instruction throughout this state, and to devise a system, the views of which shall embrace the primary or common schools as the basis; and that the said committee shall especially consider the interest of agriculture, as connected with education, that they have power to suggest the sources of revenue proper to sustain the charges of the desired system, and to procure all necessary information, and report the same to this house, Ordered, That Messrs. Teackle, Spencer, Garner, Maxcy, Boon, Weems, and Gough, be the said committee.

Mr. Garner presents a petition from William Richardson, of Charles county, praying support for a deformed child; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, Ordered, That all bills which have been once read, and are entitled to a second reading by the rules of this house, shall be arranged every morning agreeably to seniority, by the clerk, and placed on the speaker's desk, and taken up by the speaker in their just turn, and read a second time, although no motion for a second reading has been made.