

of the several counties of this state, and they are hereby required, to make a semi-annual return to the levy court of the county in which they reside, in the same manner as they are now required to make a return to the treasurer of the western shore, by the second section of the act to which is a supplement.

Sect. 2 And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said levy courts, immediately upon the receipt of the said returns or accounts, to examine the same, and whenever the amount of monies stated (in said returns or accounts) to have been received, shall exceed the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, to charge the said officers fifty per cent on the amount of such excess, and receive and apply the same to the improvement of the roads and bridges of such county, or to the education of poor children, at their discretion

Mr. Lee moved to strike out of the same "\$1500" and insert "\$2000." Determined in the negative.

Mr. Dennis moved to refer the whole to the 1st of June next.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

Affirmative—Mr. Speaker, Hawkins, Gough, Kilgour, Maxcy, John Edelen, Chapman, Rogerson, Garner, Shower, Worthington, Turner, Bennett, Reyner, Dennis, Teackle, King, Jones, Steele, Sullivan, Henderson, R. C. Edelen, Peach, Wootton, Duvall, Hopper, Nicholson, Wright, Hope, Norris, Montgomery, Harcastle, Brown, Boon, Howard, Tyson, Bowles, White, Willson, Beall, Lee, Lansdale, M. Manon, Lantz—44.

Negative—Millard, Harris, McClean, Ireland, Hodges, Gantt, Estep, Beckett, Parran, Dalrymple, Spencer, Eccleston, Thomas, Ewing, Grubb, Williams, Tingle, Hooper, Barnes, Cromwell, Farquhar, Kemp, Jarrett, Barwick, Fouke, Merrick, Hoffman, Klipstine—28.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill for the benefit of Robert Landers, of Frederick county. The bill to incorporate Emmittsburg, in Frederick county. The bill for the relief of Christian Brining, of Washington county. The bill to repeal an act passed at December session 1817, preventing swine and geese from going at large in the town of Rockville, in Montgomery county. The bill to repeal an act relating to the removal of criminal causes in Baltimore city and county court, passed at December session 1821, chapter 244. And the supplement to an act relating to coroners, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill to authorise the governor and council of Maryland to appoint one justice of the levy court for each election district of Frederick county, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, Ordered, That the committee of claims be and they are hereby directed, to enquire into, and report to this house, whether any money has been appropriated for the payment of newspapers at the last session, and not properly applied.

Mr. Maxcy moved to strike out "and not properly applied," to insert "and if so, in what manner it has been applied." Resolved in the affirmative.

The order was then assented to.

Mr. Speed appeared in the house.

The clerk of the senate delivers a communication from the executive inclosing the annual report from the penitentiary. And returns the bill to incorporate the Union Fire Company of Middletown, in Frederick county, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill authorising the county court of Calvert county to act in the case therein mentioned, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Chapman reports a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an 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.

Mr. Fouke reports a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth Town, in Washington county, to Hager's town, and to incorporate the same; which was twice read and passed.

Mr. Willson presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, against the revolutionary list of pensions; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Montgomery presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying the trustees of the poor of said county may be elected by the people; referred to Messrs. Montgomery, Jarrett and Norris.

Mr. Norris obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to diminish the expense on judicial proceedings. Ordered, That Messrs. Norris, Tingle, Chapman, Merrick, Jarrett, Beall, Hawkins, Eccleston and Parker, report the same.

Mr. Willson obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the mode of taxing billiard tables, so as to bring the money into the state treasury. Ordered, That Messrs. Willson, Beall, J. Edelen, Merrick and Jarrett, report the same.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock;

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