

undertaking, it may be proper to finish the monument; but that other expenditures, such as additional ground, railing and embellishments, should be done by private contribution, or by those who are interested in the advancement of property in that section of the city.

The committee therefore report a bill, entitled, **An act relating to the Washington Monument.**

All which is respectfully submitted,

John G. Chapman, Chairman.

By order, Jacob S. Smith, Com. Clk.

The said report, papers and documents were read. And the accompanying bill, entitled, **An act concerning the Washington Monument**, was read the first, and by a special order, the second time, passed without amendment, and sent to the senate for their concurrence therein.

On motion by Mr. Chapman, the following order was read and laid on the table:

Ordered, That a copy of the report of the committee on ways and means, in relation to the Washington Monument, with the accompanying papers and documents, and also the bill passed this house, entitled, **An act concerning the Washington Monument**, be transmitted to the president and managers thereof.

Mr. Tyson, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was read the first time, and ordered to be laid on the table. viz.

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the memorial of Richard Lockerman, beg leave to report—That the said Lockerman was elected and qualified as auditor, without any limitation of time. That on the 18th of February 1819, Thomas Karney was appointed state auditor for the "then ensuing year." That on the following day, to wit, on the 19th of February 1819, the legislature passed a resolution, requiring the treasurer to pay Richard Lockerman the salary allowed him by law until said Thomas Karney should qualify, &c. And that on the same day, (19th of February 1819,) a resolution was passed authorising the governor alone to approve the auditor's bond; that said bond was not approved by the governor, but by Henry H. Chapman, Esqr. in the name and by the request of the governor. The law which prescribes the duties of the auditor requires that he shall before he enters upon the execution of his office, take an oath to perform them in the manner prescribed by that law. That said oath is not mentioned in the said certificate of qualification. Your committee therefore, under all the circumstances of the case, believe, that whatever doubts may be entertained as to the validity of the appointment of