

be improper to swell the journal of accounts, already large, with adding the charges above specified, and therefore cannot pass the journal without it is divested of such charges as in our opinion are improper and unnecessary. We therefore return the journal and bill, and hope that on reconsideration you will modify them in conformity to the above suggestion.

By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

Which was read.

The following message was read and ordered to lie on the table.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1805.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THE business of the session being finished, we propose to adjourn to the first day of October next.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

The engrossed bill No. 110 was read, assented to, and with the paper bill thereof sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, the question was put, Will the house agree to the following order? to wit: ORDERED, That the committee of claims correct the journal of accounts, by deducting therefrom the additional itinerant charges to the members from the western shore. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to increase the fees of the sheriff of Montgomery county in certain cases. ORDERED, That Mr. Clarke, Mr. Selby and Mr. Swearingen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to increase the fees of the sheriff of Montgomery county in certain cases; which was read the first and second time by a special order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1805.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have observed with concern that you have rejected the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees. This bill provided for an increase of fees in the case of the sheriff of Montgomery county only. We were induced to single out this particular county, because, from the statement we have received, we are induced to believe, that without increasing the fees, as recommended by a number of the inhabitants of that county, the people will have no sheriff, at least for two years. We the more readily yield to this impression, because it is a fact known to the delegates from that county, that heretofore they were three months without a sheriff, and the present officer could not have been induced to accept the office for the last year, had not different officers have engaged to allow him four per cent. commission on the collection of their fees, in addition to what is warranted by law. Under these circumstances we hope you will agree to pass the bill which we now send.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

Mr. Stansbury, from the committee of claims, delivers to the speaker the journal of accounts, as corrected; which was read and assented to; also a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read the first time.

On motion, the question was put, Will the house refer the said bill to the consideration of the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

The said bill was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk, with the journal of accounts.

The clerk of the senate delivers the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1805: Read and assented to.

" By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Also the bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1805: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Ordered that the said bill be engrossed.

Also the paper bill No. 110, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1805: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

" By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

And the bill, entitled, An act to increase the fees of the sheriff of Montgomery county in certain cases, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1805: Read the first and second time by especial order and will not pass.

" By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

The engrossed bill No. 111, was read, assented to, and with the paper bill thereof sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the paper bill No. 111, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1805: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

" By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

William Thomas and John Partridge, Esquires, from the senate, inform the speaker, that the governor is attending in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and request his, and the attendance of this house, for that purpose.