

Ordered, That the three last mentioned petitions be severally referred to Messrs. Orrell, Potter and Jones. And,

By Mr. Potter, the petition of the sheriff of Caroline county, praying for an increase of his fees for services rendered as gaoler; which was referred to Messrs. Potter, Thomas of Frederick, Tilghman, Jones, and Douglas of Caroline.

Mr. Wells asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled, An act to repeal the act passed at December session 1826, entitled, An act to establish the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace, and constables residing in the city of Annapolis, and justices of the peace and constables in Anne-Arundel county, in certain cases therein mentioned.

Mr. M'Mahon having asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the promotion of internal improvement, it was, on his motion, Ordered, That a select committee of five members be appointed to prepare and report the same. Whereupon Messrs. M'Mahon, M'Culloh, Fitzhugh, Harlan and Tilghman, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Teackle from the committee on ways and means delivered the following report; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz.

The committee on ways and means, to which was referred an order to furnish to each member of this house, a list of the gross amounts of the levy lists of the different counties, including those directed by the corporation of the city of Baltimore, specifying each general charge of expenditure distinctly, and that the committee of claims provide for the printing thereof, have had the subject under consideration, and after an examination of the documents committed to them in relation to this reference, have found the same insufficient to supply the required information. The committee, however, proceeded in the construction of a statement, so far as the limited data would enable them, which is appended to this report, and may suffice as a common form for future returns to the legislature. And considering the necessity of a clear and distinct statistical exhibition, such as that which is contemplated by the order in question, with a view to the amendment of any inequalities, or the correction of irregularities or abuses, which may be found to exist, and for the establishment of a general and equitable system of public charges throughout the state, and various purposes of legislation, the committee beg leave to present the subjoined resolution:

By the House of Delegates, February 19, 1828.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be the duty of each and every of the clerks of the House