

ment take into consideration the propriety of incorporating into the Constitution a provision requiring the Legislature to cause the laws of this State to be codified at the expiration of every ten years, said codes to embrace all the acts of the Legislature of a general nature, all the British statutes recognized as now in force in this State, and a short digest of the decisions of the Court of Appeals upon the various articles embraced in said codes ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Watkins, of Montgomery, submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary Department be instructed to inquire into the expediency of inserting into the Constitution a provision requiring the Judges of the several Judicial Districts of the State to report to the Legislature at its respective regular sessions such defects in the laws of the State as they may think proper to be remedied by legislation, with such amendments as they may think proper to improve the same, or the administration thereof ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hollyday, chairman of the Committee upon the Treasury Department, submitted the following

#### REPORT :

Section 1. There shall be a Treasury Department consisting of a Comptroller chosen by the qualified electors of the State at each regular election of members of the House of Delegates, who shall receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars ; and a Treasurer to be appointed by the members of the Legislature at each regular session thereof, on joint ballot, who shall receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars, and neither of the said officers shall be allowed or receive any fees, commissions or perquisites of any kind in addition to his salary for the performance of any duty or services whatsoever. In case of a vacancy in either of the offices by death or otherwise, the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall fill such vacancy by appointment, to continue until another election, or a choice by the Legislature as the case may be, and the qualification of the successor. The Comptroller and the Treasurer shall keep their offices at the seat of government, and shall take such oath and enter into such bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties as the Legislature shall prescribe.

Sec. 2. The Comptroller shall have the general superintendence of the fiscal affairs of the State, he shall digest and prepare plans for the improvement and management of the revenue and for the support of the public credit, prepare and