

They believe that the bills drawn by him under the Resolution of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at January session, 1872, will, if passed, be of great benefit to the State.

The Committee adhere to the opinion that the charge made by Col. Woolford for said service and expense is proper and reasonable, and ought to be paid.

The Committee believe that in making this request, Col. Woolford has been influenced by a desire to facilitate legislation, by withdrawing from the consideration of the Legislature a matter which would give rise to debate, and consume much time.

For this reason, and simply because of his request, the Committee recommend that the appropriation be stricken out, but hope the next General Assembly will make an appropriation to pay the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman.

JOHN S. SUDLER,

HENRY E. LOANE,

CHAS. A. BUCHANAN,

JOHN F. DAWSON,

A. H. GREENFIELD.

Mr. Koons, from a Minority of the Committee of Ways and Means, presented the following

#### MINORITY REPORT:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the communication of the Hon. Levin Woolford, requesting the House of Delegates to reconsider the Appropriation Bill, in order to strike out the appropriation in his favor for revising and systematizing the Revenue Laws of the State, begs leave to report that he entirely dissents from the conclusion of the majority of the Committee, for the following reasons: The salary of the Comptroller is fixed by the law creating the office, and any increase of the same is positively prohibited for the performance of the various duties named in the section of the Constitution here referred to, and he is also required to perform such other duties as are prescribed by law, in the judgment of the undersigned, without extra compensation. The appropriation to the Comptroller for this extra pay, having already been stricken from the General Appropriation Bill, the entire matter has passed beyond the jurisdiction of this Committee, and whilst the undersigned believes the Comp-