

Your petitioners respectfully represent that in view of the facts now before the General Assembly of Maryland in the report of the committee appointed at the last session thereof, to investigate said defalcation, and in view also of the existing law to which said facts apply, there are many and strong equitable considerations which entitle them to relief; they therefore pray that the Legislature will carefully weigh and consider said facts and law, and grant them such relief as may be just and equitable.

And as in duty, etc.,

EDWIN H. WEBSTER,
 J. M. STREET,
 ALLEN HOFFMAN,
 P. HOWARD,
 WILLIAM S. ARCHER,
 HENRY W. ARCHER, JR. } Exec'rs.
 THOS. C. HOPKINS,
 S. A. WILLIAMS,
 MURRAY VANDIVER.

Which was read, ordered spread upon the journal and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Washington county, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Shafer be excused from to-day's session, on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Carrico, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Maddox be excused from attendance at last night's and to-day's sessions, on account of important business.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Strong be excused from to-day's session, on account of sickness.

Also,

Ordered, That Mr. Bittinger be excused from non-attendance at last night's session, on account of missing the trains.

On motion of Mr. Grove, of Cecil, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Kirk be excused from to-day's session, on account of sickness.