

Mr. Hinks moved that the report be printed.

The question recurring upon sustaining the motion.

Mr. Hinks demanded the yeas and nays.

Pending the consideration thereof,

On motion of Mr. Ford,

The whole subject was laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Comptroller of the Treasury, together with accompanying report:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
Annapolis, February 10th, 1876.

*Hon. Lewis C. Smith,*

*Speaker of the House of Delegates:*

Dear Sir:—In compliance with an order of the House of Delegates, passed February 8th, 1876, and which is as follows:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
Annapolis, February 8th, 1876.

By the House of Delegates,

“Ordered, That the Comptroller of the Treasury furnish this House at once, with a copy of the yearly return of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, of the City of Baltimore, for the year ending December 1, 1875, required by Section 1, of Article XV. (15,) of the Constitution, and also inform this House whether said return embraces an account of the Commissions allowed said Clerk for receiving, and paying over all public money received for licenses, fines, or otherwise, as provided for by the Act of the General Assembly of 1874, chapter 231, and further whether the said Clerk has retained an amount of compensation for the performance of his official duties, in excess of that allowed by Section 45, of Article 3, of the Constitution, (\$3,500 a year,) over and above office expenses, and compensation to assistants.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,  
Chief Clerk.”

I herewith transmit to your Honorable Body “a copy of the yearly return of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, of the City of Baltimore, for the year ending December 1st, 1875, required by Section 1, of Article 15, of the Constitution,” which return does embrace an account of the commissions allowed said Clerk for receiving and paying over all public money received for licenses, or otherwise, as provided for by the Act of the General Assembly of 1874, chapter 231, under the head of License Fees. The gross