

The rules were suspended to enable him to offer the following order:

Ordered, That a select committee of three be appointed by the chair, with instructions to examine into the condition of the public records in the Land Office and in the office of the clerk of the court of appeals, and report to this House such steps as they shall deem necessary and proper to provide for the greater security and better preservation of such records;

Which was adopted,

And the speaker appointed Messrs. Merrick, Carper and Goldsborough, said committee.

Mr. Wickes, from the select committee appointed to examine the official proceedings of the Comptroller of the Treasury, offered the following report:

The committee appointed by resolution of the House of Delegates to investigate the official proceedings of the Comptroller of the Treasury, respectfully report—that they have bestowed that consideration upon the subject submitted to them which its importance demanded;

That, after a careful examination of the affairs of the office, they are satisfied that the system adopted is one of an admirable character, and that the details of the office have been so simplified that mistake or confusion, hereafter, in the official business pertaining to the Comptroller's department is almost impossible. The books of the department indicate the utmost precision, and order, and reflect great credit upon Mr. Duvall, to whose care his branch has been principally confided.

The careful arrangement of the official vouchers and the uniform precision in all of the details of the office evince not only the wisdom of the constitution in providing this safeguard to the Treasury but also show the successful manner in which the objects of the constitution have been accomplished; and the several acts of assembly, referring to this department, have been observed by Mr. Whyte, the late incumbent.

J. A. WICKES,
Chairman of Committee.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Anne Arundel county delegation, to whom was referred the petition of James H. Iglehart, &co., and others of Annapolis, to repeal the act of 1854, chapter 194, as far as relates to said city, report favorably thereon, and ask leave to bring in a bill to carry out the wishes of the said petitioners.

Mr. Rankin, from a Select Committee reported a Bill, entitled an act to incorporate the Dulany's Valley and Towsontown Turnpike Company in Baltimore county,

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