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be compelled to render accounts of the emoluments of their several offices to the Comptroller of this State, as required by the 2nd section of the act of 1853, ch. 444; provided each of said officers shall make oath or affirmation, as the case may be, that the emoluments of his office do not amount to the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, annually, after deducting expenses necessarily incident to said office.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That each of said officers shall render to said Comptroller, annually, an account under oath or affirmation, of the necessary expenses of his office, and if the Comptroller, upon examination, shall consider the account of expenses affixed to be greater than it, in his judgment, should be, he shall then order a full compliance with the law affixed by said office.

Section 3. And be it enacted, That whenever the Comptroller of this State shall be of opinion that the expenses returned by any of the officers named in the first section of the aforesaid act of 1853, are larger than they should be, with due regard to the interest of the State, he shall direct the State's Attorney of the county or city in which said officer shall reside, to sue his official bond, which shall be responsible for the said unnecessary charge in his expenses, and the amount of such unnecessary charge, when ascertained upon trial, shall be collected and paid into the Treasury of this State.

Amendments assented to.

Also offered the following amendment;

"Section 4th. And be it enacted, That the provisions of this act are not intended to relieve said officers from any responsibility under the law of 1853, chapter 444, other than herein specified;"

Amendment assented to.

On motion of Mr. Silver,

The said bill was ordered to be printed, with the amendments.

A bill entitled, an act to pay Mountjoy B. Luckett for services rendered the State, in the case of the State against Basil Elves, of Frederick county, indicted for murder;

Was read the third time, and passed by yeas and nays as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Speaker,
Harris,

Dail,
Frazier,

Partridge,
Smith, of Balt. city,