

to do so by the Legislature—and whereas, the Legislature has given no such authority, but on the contrary having directed him to perform a specific duty, it follows as a matter of course that if he has made any contract, or entered into any arrangement, that such contract or arrangement has been made without authority, and of course is void.

And whereas, notwithstanding there is thus shewn to be clearly a want of authority in the Treasurer to pay the claim of Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. as stated in their letter to the Commissioner of Loans of the 3d of January, 1842, it is understood that he intends to settle in full that demand, out of the revenue to be derived from the acts of March session, 1841, ch. 23, and December session 1841, ch. 328, instead of distributing the revenue so to be derived from said source amongst the foreign and domestic creditors of the State in proportion to their claims—therefore,

Ordered, That the Treasurer postpone the payment of said claim, and of Messrs. Daniel Crommelin & Sons, set forth in their letter to the Governor of this State, of the 16th of February 1842, until the Legislature shall have by law directed the manner in which the revenue intended to pay the interest on the public debt shall be applied;

Which was read and laid on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the clerk of Talbot county court in relation to the attendance of judges;

Read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

On motion of Mr. Key,

Ordered, That the Treasurer report to this House the amount of the debt of this State,—*when* were the debts respectively created, *and for what purposes*—how much of the debt is due on sterling, bonds and how much is due on currency bonds and certificates—how much of the debt has its interest payable in Europe, and how much payable at the office of the Commissioner of Loans—to what period has the interest been paid on the debt in Europe, and on that payable at the office of the Commissioner of Loans in Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Tuck, Semmes and Hamilton, to bring in a bill supplementary to the act establishing magistrates' courts in Prince George's county.

On motion of Mr. Nesbitt,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Nesbitt, Grove, Weber, Harne and Boteler, to bring in a bill to alter the present mode of collecting the taxes in Washington county.

Mr. Tuck presented the petition of Joseph H. Wilson, of Prince George's county, praying that a decree of the Court of Appeals may be opened and re-heard;

Read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.