

private life, are often at variance with the convenience for their payment, and the value of an article to be purchased cannot in all cases be elevated or lowered by the sliding scale of the temporary and accidental convenience of the purchaser. Mere cheapness of services, as a controlling rule, has ever been found to be false economy, and if the highest ability is, as we believe in the present case, indispensable, that ability is to be commanded only by such rewards as the active competition of other spheres of action may present for its employment. The resolution in our opinion has so much of indefiniteness as necessarily to preclude the possibility of its practical execution. Among the inducements to the acceptance of the first officer in our Internal Improvement companies, the justifiable hope of continuance, if clearly merited, is not the least, as reasonable permanence of place is of common importance to the work and the individual called to conduct it. We are also unable to discover with any perspicuity the fitness of the selection of the Governor's salary as the standard of value for services in other exalted but wholly unanalogous vocations. The reduction of that salary has been and will no doubt soon again be the subject of legislative consideration, and should that be reduced to one thousand dollars, and in some States it is below that sum, the effect would be the denial to the chief officer of these companies, of any allowance whatever, for services which task all their time and talents, and preclude their attention to any other support of life; at least so we understand, the required "insurance that no president of said companies shall receive an annual salary amounting to a sum more than one thousand dollars less than that allowed to the chief magistrate of the State." We cannot for these reasons concur in the preamble and resolutions.

By order,

Jos: H. Nicholson, Clk.

And a bill entitled, and act for the benefit of George Humbertson of Allegany county;

Read the first time and referred to Messrs. Buskirk, Pickell, Neff and Buchanan.

And returned the following bills and resolutions:

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Richard Shrive of Calvert county.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of William W. Handy of Somerset county.

The bill entitled, an act to regulate the meeting of the Orphans court of Montgomery county.

The bill entitled, an act to allow John M. Carlton, late sheriff and collector of fees of Allegany county, further time to complete his collections:

Severally endorsed "will pass,"—severally ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution directing the Librarian to furnish the Treasurer of the Western Shore with a copy of the census of the United States of 1840.

And the resolution in favor of Elizabeth Frazier;