

penditures of the State, and thereby mitigating the condition of the people at large.

And whereas, a special committee has been raised in this House, early in the present session, upon retrenchment, and the settled policy of the House seems to have been established, that all subjects introduced here with the view to the curtailment of the public expenditures, shall be referred to the action and deliberation of that committee.

And whereas, the session of this Legislature is now far advanced, without that committee having reported to this House any general or special plan of retrenchment.

And whereas, the following propositions have been submitted to the consideration of that committee, by way of lessening the expenses of this State. and upon which we have had no report, viz :—

“Ordered, That the committee on Retrenchment be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the salaries of all officers of this State one-fourth, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.”

“Ordered, That the committee on retrenchment be, and they are hereby requested and directed to inquire into the expediency of retrenching so much of the expenditures of this State, as relates to furnishing the magistrates with the laws and votes and proceedings; as also, copies of the long journal of the Legislature.”

And also the following leave :

“Leave to bring in a bill for the purpose of fixing the salaries of the governor and the secretary of State.”

“Leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act to confirm an act to abolish certain offices on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, passed at December session 1841, ch. 200.”

Also the following bills :

“A bill to fix the per diem of the members of the Legislature, and the officers thereof.”

“A bill to abolish the Armorer at Annapolis, and a bill to abolish the Adjutant General’s office,”—therefore,

Ordered, That the committee on Retrenchment be instructed, and they are hereby directed, at their earliest convenience, to report to this House upon the preceding propositions which have been referred to them, and that they be also requested to submit to the consideration of this House at an early day, some general system of retrenchment in their wisdom best calculated to reduce the expenditures of the government, without impairing its efficiency.

Which was read.

Before the question was put on the adoption of the same,

The Speaker announced that the hour had arrived to take up the special order of the day, being the preamble and order submitted by Mr. Key on the 17th ultimo, in relation to the postponement of the payment of the claim of Messrs. Daniel Crommelin & Sons;

Which was read.