

Ordered, That the rules of the last House of Delegates be adopted for the government of this house, and that a sufficient number be printed for the use of the members.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Leave was granted the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice to be hereafter appointed, to bring in a bill to abolish the High Court of Chancery of this State.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,

Leave was granted to withdraw from the files of the House the petition and papers of Mary Allen, Ann Foreman and Elizabeth Colegate of the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Buchanan submitted the following order:

Ordered, That a select committee of seven members be appointed by the Speaker, whose duty it shall be to ascertain whether some retrenchment cannot be introduced into the public expenditures of the State, without detriment to the public service.

Which was read.

Mr. Risteau moved to lay the same on the table.

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the order,

And on being put,

It was determined in the affirmative.

Whereupon the Speaker appointed Messrs. Buchanan, Owens, Tuck, Nicols, Weber, Roberts and Crain the said committee.

Mr. Tuck submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore furnish to this House a statement showing the several amounts paid into the Treasury, in pursuance of the acts of December session 1841, chapters 194, 282, 297, 325 and 329, and that the Treasurer be also directed to report how many counties in this state if any, have refused or neglected to collect the direct tax as provided for by law.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The said order was laid on the table.

Davis Richardson, Esq. a delegate returned for Frederick county, appeared, qualified and took his seat.

Mr. Powder asked the following leave:

Leave to introduce a bill to repeal the act passed at the extra session held and begun on the 24th day of March, 1841, chapter 23, imposing a tax upon the people of this state.

Which was read.

Before the question was put on granting the leave,

Messrs. Risteau and Simpser, the gentlemen from the joint committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the House was ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make, informed the House that they had performed the duty, and that the Governor had requested them to state that he would make a communication this day at 12 o'clock.