

Resolved, That the committee proceed to inquire what retrenchments can be made in the expenditures of the State, consistent with its general welfare, and that after they shall have thus determined, the chairman be directed to prepare a bill embracing, so far as may be, all such retrenchments, and report the same to the House.

The committee have deemed it due to themselves and to the House, to make this brief report, showing that the most earnest efforts of the committee are now being directed to a faithful discharge of the important trust confided to them. The committee are fully and deeply impressed with the imperative necessity of resorting to every means within the power of the present Legislature, to reduce the expenses of the government of the State, by abolishing every office in the State, not positively required for the public security, and the reduction of the compensation of all salaried officers, consistent with the most strict rules of justice and propriety.

The committee will, from time to time, lay before the House such bills as they may deem necessary and proper, to effect the various objects of the said committee.

J. M. BUCHANAN, Chairman.

Read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Owens,

The House took up the resolutions submitted by him on the 4th inst. in relation to the postage accounts of the members of the Legislature. Read the second time.

Mr. Sutton then moved to refer the said resolutions to the committee on Retrenchment;

On the question being put, it was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on assenting to the said resolutions:

Mr. Semmes then moved the previous question, but the House refused to sustain the call for the previous question.

Mr. Buskirk then moved to amend the said resolutions by adding thereto the following—"Provided that the provisions of this resolution shall not be construed to apply to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the President of the Senate and the Chairman and other members of the several standing committees;"

Which was read.

Mr. Crain then moved to lay the whole subject on the table.

On the question being put,

On motion of Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays were required and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Sutton	Taylor	Buskirk
Hammond	Handy of Wor.	Pickell
Allnutt	Graves	Neff
Crain	Nesbit	Buchanan
Fleming	Grove	Shaw
Holland	Boteler	Powder—19.
Hearn		