

Millington in Kent county, and divide the same among the primary schools of said county;

Referred to Messrs. Constable, Welsh of K. and Jones.

Mr. Owens, from the committee on the library, to whom was referred the memorial of Clement Dorsey, made the following report:

The joint committee on the library, to whom was referred the memorial of the honorable Clement Dorsey, relating to the compilation of the Laws of Maryland, made by him, unanimously

#### REPORT:

That the compilation is one of eminent utility to the citizens of this State, by the facilities which it affords to trace the entire statutory law of this State without labor and research.

This desideratum so long wished for, and to attain which the state has made for many years so many unsuccessful efforts, has been given to the people in a very short period of time, since its conception and at a cost far less than was heretofore expected. Of the subscription made by the State, none will go to the compiler. It will all be absorbed in the expenses incident to bringing out the edition, by the unexpected enlargement of the work from 1200 pages to 2800 pages, from one to three volumes.

The compiler is thus left for his reward for years of toil and labor to private patronage, a very slow and precarious reliance for and equivalent for his literary labors.

The committee believing that the sole object of the State, by her subscription, was to insure a compilation of the laws now in force, separated from the obsolete and repealed acts, and to obtain a number of copies thereof, sufficient to answer the wants of the State, and being also satisfied that 500 copies will be even more than required, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a delivery by Clement Dorsey to the State Librarian, of 500 copies of the compilation of the Laws of Maryland, made by him and reported to his Excellency the Governor, by the honorable Alexander C. Magruder and Otho Scott, Esqs., to have been approved by them, and bound in the manner prescribed by resolution of the last General Assembly of Maryland, No. 28, shall be deemed and taken as a full compliance with the said resolution, and to authorize and require the Treasurer of the Western Shore to pay to the said Dorsey, the sum of 12,500 dollars at the time therein prescribed.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. S. OWENS, Chairman on the part of the house.

Which was read the first and by special order the second time and assented to.

Mr. Quynn, chairman of the committee on military pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nancy Coward, of the city of Baltimore, reported favorably thereon, with the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Trea-