

to accommodate the sittings of the court, and to furnish rooms for the various officers attached to the department of justice, providing however that not more than two thousand dollars be levied in any one year.

The high standing and respectability of those petitioners, as well as the office which they fill, recommend their prayer to the most respectful regard of the committee. Yet they cannot at this time feel free to assume the responsibility of passing a law to authorise the levying so large an amount of money in the present embarrassed state of pecuniary matters, which would necessarily impose a tax upon their constituents perhaps too enormous to be borne, but your committee are well aware that the records of the county are not as secure as they should be, and they are aware of the importance and necessity of having a fire proof office for the safe keeping of the records as early as possible. They therefore recommend the passage of a law to give the levy court discretionary power to levy thousand dollars, to be applied towards making such alterations to the court house or otherwise, as they in their judgment may deem proper, using the materials of the old clerk's office, and such other as may be necessary, and in such manner as to suit the public convenience, and to preserve the public papers and records, two thousand dollars having already been levied for that purpose. Your committee are of opinion that the additional sum above specified added to the amount now available, would be sufficient to build a clerk and register's office fire proof, in which the business of the said office might be conveniently transacted, and the records and papers safely kept. We therefore recommend the passage of a bill authorising the levy court of said county in their discretion to levy the sum of two thousand dollars for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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JOHN H. SIMMONS,  
JACOB FIROR.

Mr. Le Grand submitted the following resolution :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be directed to pay Samuel B. Hugo, of Baltimore, all monies due to Elizabeth Amos, a deceased pensioner of the State of Maryland, said Hugo being her heir ;

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

On motion of M. Bramwell,

The house took up for consideration the amendments from the senate to the bill entitled, an act appointing commissioners to build a bridge over the Patapsco Falls in Carroll and Baltimore counties ;

Read the second time by special order and dissented from.