

The Speaker called Mr. Giles to the chair.

Mr. Spence from a select committee, reported a bill entitled, an act to regulate the charges on protests of bills of exchange and promissory notes;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Le Grand submitted the following preamble and resolution—

Whereas, by orders adopted respectively in the Senate and House of Delegates, during the present session, the clerks of the Senate and House of Delegates are required from time to time, to furnish the gentlemen now engaged in making a compilation of the Laws, "copies of all acts of the public general laws, and of the public local laws which shall pass at the present session;" and whereas, by a resolution of the present General Assembly, it has been made the duty of the said clerks to make and furnish the printer with a classification of the Laws, &c. of the present session, in conformity with a plan designated in the resolution aforesaid; and whereas, none of said duties can be performed until after the adjournment of the Legislature, and will then occupy much of the time of the said clerks, whom it is right and proper to compensate reasonably for these additional duties—Therefore:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer for the Western Shore, be and he is hereby directed to pay out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to John Nick. Watkins, chief clerk of the House of Delegates, and Joseph H. Nicholson, chief clerk of the Senate, each, the sum of two hundred dollars as compensation for their extraordinary services during the present session, and for the services required to be performed by them under the orders and resolution of the General Assembly, mentioned in the preamble to this resolution; also to George W. Sherwood, assistant clerk of the House of Delegates, and to John N. Watkins, assistant clerk of the Senate, each, the sum of one hundred dollars as compensation for their extraordinary services during the present session.

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

Mr. Thawley moved to amend said resolution by striking out "\$200" and inserting \$100, and by striking out "\$100" and inserting \$50.

Before the question was put—

On motion of Mr. Graves,

Said resolution and amendment were referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Seidenstricker, from the select committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Wilson, Jacob Daley, George W. Andrews, and others, of the city of Baltimore, praying for an act to restore the line of Jones' Falls to its original course into the basin, reported that the said committee deem it inexpedient to legislate on the subject;

Read the first time and laid on the table.