

On motion of Mr. Biser,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Biser, Geyer and Schley, to bring in a bill requiring the levy court of Frederick county and the trustees of the alms house of said county, each, to publish annually a statement, under oath, of the money by them received and expended during said year, and the purpose for which it was expended.

Mr. Hope submitted the following resolution

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore, be and he is hereby authorised to pay to the several members of this General Assembly, and the several officers thereof, or to their respective orders, the several sums of money now due, or that from time to time may become due to them respectively, and for which they shall obtain certificates from the committee on Claims of the present House of Delegates.

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

The rule being suspended,

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of the board of commissioners of Washington county, praying for an act of Assembly authorising them to sell the poor house in said county and real estate connected therewith, and further authorising them to purchase a tract of land whereon to establish the paupers heretofore accommodated at said alms house;

Read and referred to Messrs. Spencer, Hollman, Grove and Lyday.

Mr. Buchanan, from the select committee on public printing, made the following

#### REPORT:

The committee on public printing, to whom was referred the order of the House of the 29th ultimo, beg leave to report in part:

That they have had under consideration that part of said order, which directed the committee to "ascertain whether any contract has been entered into for the printing of the present House of Delegates, and if any, whether said contract is in accordance with law."<sup>55</sup>

In examining the subject, the committee have ascertained that there is in existence what purports to be a contract for the printing of the present session, made by the joint committee on printing of the last Legislature, with Jeremiah Hughes, as appears by the journal of the extra session, April 6th, 1841.

The committee do not deem it necessary to enter into any argument to show whether the act of Assembly of 1831, ch. 303, was repealed by the proceedings of the two Houses of the Legislature, on the 20th March, 1840, or not. Nor do they deem it necessary to express an opinion whether one Legislature has a right to enter into a contract which shall be binding on a subsequent body, yet to be elected by the people. They will merely call the attention of the present House to the proceedings had