

the memorialists wantonly gave to the flames the property of the citizen. Those whose rights were thus outraged, appeal to the tribunals appointed by the Constitution and the laws of the land for redress. The memorialists there exhibit their defence, which an impartial court and jury, determine to be no defence at all, but adjudge that as the memorialists had in defiance of all law and right destroyed the property of the citizen in obedience to it, they should be made to pay for it. This was the substance of the judgment rendered against them. They now come before the Legislature, and ask it to sanction their illegal conduct, by holding them harmless from all consequences flowing from it. This your committee think ought not to be done. If the property of the citizen is to be destroyed with impunity, by those who may happen to be clothed with a little brief authority, then is the protection of the Constitution a mere mockery. The memorialists, like all other offenders, should be made to suffer for the wrong they have done. Recognize any other principle as a rule of action, and the property and life of the people may be destroyed by any one who has no regard for them.

Your committee think, that the Legislature by its acts, ought to sustain the judiciary in its vindication of the laws, and in its administration of justice.

They therefore recommend that the memorialists be permitted to withdraw their memorial.

In behalf of the committee,

JOSEPH HOLLMAN, Chairman.

Mr. Carmichael, chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, to which were referred the following bills from the Senate :

The bill entitled, an act concerning the survey of the coast of Maryland ;

And the bill entitled, a supplement to an act passed at December session, 1837, chapter 309 ;

And an act passed at December session 1838, chapter 244, reported the same without amendment ;

Read the second time by special order, passed and returned to the Senate.

The clerk of the Senate returned the following resolutions :

The resolution in favor of Leut. P. W. Lowry ;

The resolution in favor of Capt. John Archer of the Cecil Volunteers ;

Endorsed "assented to."

The resolution in favor of Captain Richard Lilly ;

Endorsed "assented to with the proposed amendment :"

"Provided the said Richard Lilly shall first return to the Adjutant General the arms and accoutrements in his possession, which belong to the State."

Read and assented to.

The resolution in favor of Capt. J. J. Denaker ;

Endorsed "assented to with the proposed amendment :"

"Provided the said J. J. Denaker shall first return to the Adju-