

on all citizens who may bring negro property into this State, from any foreign State or jurisdiction, and report thereon.

On motion of Mr. Boteler,

Leave was granted the committee on Ways and Means, to bring in a bill to provide for the more effectual and prompt payment into the treasury of that portion of the State revenue received by the clerks of county courts.

On motion of Mr. Lankford,

Leave was granted Messrs. Lankford, Waters, of Somerset, Dennis and Philips, to bring in a bill to allow John N. Bowland, late sheriff and collector of Somerset county, further time to complete his collections.

On motion of Mr. Wade,

Leave was granted Messrs. Wade, Hollman, Weber, Mann and Boteler, to bring in a bill, to extend the time of Thomas Keller, late sheriff of Washington county, to complete his collections.

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

Leave was granted Messrs. Kilgour, Waters, of Montgomery, Griffith and Trundle, to bring in a bill entitled, an act to allow Henry Harding of Montgomery county, late sheriff and collector, further time to complete his collections.

On motion of Mr. Waters, of Somerset,

Leave was granted the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to bring in a bill to amend the law in relation to the abatement of suits.

On motion of Mr. Thomas of Talbot,

Leave was granted Messrs. Thomas of Talbot, Arringdale and Bowdle, to bring in a bill, to allow the commissioners of Talbot county, to appoint a collector to collect the county tax separate from the direct tax.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Treasurer.

**TREASURY OFFICE.**

*January 15th, 1844.*

*To the Honorable*

*The House of Delegates :*

In compliance with your order of the 2nd instant, requiring the Treasurer of the Western Shore, to ascertain and report to this House as early as practicable, a statement of all the balances due the State from the State debtors, shewing names and amounts. I have the honor to submit the accompanying statements, No 1 to 7 inclusive, all conforming to the order of the House, except No. 2, which relates to the Colonization tax. The names of the collectors of this tax not being found in the office, I have given as the nearest approach to the object of the order, the amounts due from each of the debtor counties.

Respectfully, your obedient servant.

**D. CLAUDE.**

Treasurer of the Western Shore, Md.