

And in accordance with its second requisition, I transmit a copy of the communication addressed to this department on the 2nd of January, 1844, by the clerk to the commissioners of Montgomery county.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. CLAUDE,

Treas. of W. S. Md.

Which was read.

Mr. Phelps, chairman of the committee on Retrenchment, reported a bill entitled, an act to alter and amend the Constitution and Form of Government of the State of Maryland, so as to substitute biennial for annual sessions of the legislature ;

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Carey,

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to inform this House, what amount of ground rents have been assessed in the several counties of this State, and Howard District and the city of Baltimore respectively, and the amount of rents respectively arising therefrom ; also, to inform this House in what counties of the State the tax on incomes has been assessed, and the amount of such assessments in each county, and the city of Baltimore and Howard District inclusive.

Mr. Wade reported a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Thomas Keller, late sheriff of Washington county ;

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

On motion of Mr. Hollyday,

Ordered, That the committee to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, in relation to certain obstructions in the Chesapeake bay, be enlarged, by adding thereto the delegation from Kent county.

The rule being suspended.

Mr. Wootten presented the memorial of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, praying to be refunded the State taxes paid by them for 1842, and to be released from the payment of State and county taxes for the year 1843 ;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Wootten, Carey and Poultney.

Mr. Yellott, chairman of the select committee, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Havre de Grace and its vicinity, in relation to the removal of certain bars at the mouth of the Susquehanna, obstructing the navigation of said river, delivered the following

REPORT :

Whereas, the town of Havre de Grace, situated at the head of the Chesapeake bay—and at the out-let of the Tide Water Canal—seems destined by its position to become an important place of