

timore. From it, it will appear, that the occupants, of the wharf property of the State, have been accustomed to use such property for the sale of fire wood.

By a recent decision of Baltimore city court, it has been decided, that such use is in violation of the act of Assembly. In as much at the legislature have heretofore passed a special law releasing two of the owners of private wharves from the operation of the provisions of this act of Assembly, it may be well to inquire whether it would not be proper to modify the existing law so as to place the State, as well as other individual owners of wharf property in the same condition as that of the two who have been released.

FRANCIS THOMAS.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

The Speaker also, laid before the House the following communication from the Treasurer :

TREASURY OFFICE.

Annapolis, January 29th, 1844.

To the Honorable

The House of Delegates :

Your order of the 18th inst. directing the Treasurer to inform the House what amount of ground rents have been assessed in the several counties of the State, Howard District and the city of Baltimore respectively, and the amount of rents respectively arising therefrom, also, to inform the House, in what counties of the State, the tax on incomes has been assessed, and the amount of such assessments in each county, the city of Baltimore and Howard District inclusive, he replies that necessary data to enable him to comply with its requisitions, are not to be found in the Treasury office.

The city of Baltimore and the counties of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Dorchester, Montgomery and Somerset, are the only portions of the State, which have made any returns of the assessments of ground rents and incomes; and the returns from Baltimore gives only the gross amount of incomes, salaries, &c., and as the tax being imposed on the excess in each individual cases over three hundred dollars, he is unable to give the amount of tax derivable from that source from the city of Baltimore.

All the information on the subject in possession of the Treasurer is embodied in the accompanying statement which is respectfully submitted by them.

Their obedient servant,

D. CLAUDE.

Treas. W. S. Md.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.