

mittees have always been expensive to the people, and should be dispensed with, or a reduction of their pay until our finances should be in such condition as to meet all liabilities, without calling on the people for direct taxes, therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the committee already appointed, or any other that may in their stead be appointed by the present Legislature, to examine the books and papers of the Commissioner of Loans, and to carry out the provision of the resolution No. 8, passed at December session 1840, perform said duty after the adjournment of the present Legislature, and that the Treasurer, is hereby authorised and instructed to pay to said committee for each and every days attendance not exceeding ten days, the sum of two dollars for each member per day and no more;

Which was read.

The doorkeeper having returned, reported that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill entitled, an act to extend the powers of collectors for State and county taxes.

Mr. Powder moved to amend said bill by striking out in the 2nd section thirteen lines these words, "purchase money to give a good and sufficient deed of conveyance therefor;"

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Powder,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Ligon, Alnutt, Carroll jr., Stansbury of Baltimore county, Welsh, Poultney, Dail, Lackland, Cropper, Owen, Harris, Temples, Shriver, Keene, Mann, Boteler, Wade, Hammill, Fitzpatrick Shaw, Stull and Powder.—22.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Watson, (Speaker,) Spencer, Tilden, Johnson, Warfield, Reeder, Freeman, Lankford, Waters of Somerset, Philips, Dennis, Phelps, Chaplain, Calvert, Semmes, Ghiselin, Harrison, Earickson, Purnell, Hearn, Franklin, Cathell, Buckley, Lynch, Thomas, of Frederick, Yellott, Hopkins, McKnett, Curley, Levering, Carey, Hollman, Trundle, Kilgour, Griffith, Waters of Montgomery, McKaig, Smith and Ecker.—39.

So the House refused to strike out.

Mr. Hollman moved to amend said bill by striking out in the 2nd section 21st line the word "six," and inserting in lieu thereof "twelve."

Mr. Powder moved to amend said section by striking out in the 21st line from the word "representatives," to the end of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "to hold possession."

Pending these motions,

The hour arrived for taking up the order of the day.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill reported by Mr. Wootten. chairman of the com. on Internal Improvements,