

citizens of Frederick town, praying an increase of the commissioners of the Female seminary in said town ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Lotteries.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city,

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means, report to this House on the expediency of passing an act relative to the public debt, comprising the following provisions:

1st. That coupons and certificates of interest representing the interest which accrued on or before the first day of January, instant, be taken in payment of taxes without any distinction of years.

2nd. That no coupons be receivable in payment of taxes, nor certificates of interest be issued on interest, which may accrue hereafter.

3rd. That taxes and all other dues to the State be payable in cash, or in the bonds or certificates of stock due from the State, which bonds and certificates shall on application, be divided into small and convenient amounts.

4th. That all interest which shall have accrued to a holder, at the time he passes a bond or certificate of stock or part thereof to the State, be carefully registered, at the office of the commissioner of loans.

5th. That all the means and resources of the Treasury, now in its possession or hereafter to accrue to it, (not required for current expenses of the State and not otherwise appropriated,) be applied through the sinking fund or otherwise, to the payment of the principal of the public debt, and so continue to be applied until the whole of such principal is paid off.

6th. That a pledge be given to the people of Maryland, in the act containing the aforesaid provisions, that no direct tax shall ever be laid or imposed on real and personal property, or on either of them, for the payment of interest on the present debt of the State.

On motion of Mr. Morsell,

Ordered, That the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, enquire into the expediency of extending the jurisdiction to justices of the peace, so as to allow them to issue attachments and replevins in cases under fifty dollars.

On motion of Mr. Morsell,

Ordered, That the committee on Colored Population, enquire into the expediency of providing that no free negro or mulatto shall ship on board of any vessel any produce of any kind, whatsoever without first having a permit from a justice of the peace, certifying that said produce has been raised by such free negro or mulatto.

Mr. Stansbury, of Baltimore city, from the committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, an act to condemn certain real estate of Cornelius Howard, deceased, as public alleys in the city of Baltimore, reported the same without amendment ;