

It was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Hoffman,

The rules were suspended, and the following was,

Ordered, That James J. Given, Commissioner of Records, appointed in the 1st section of an Act passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, Feb. 3rd, 1864, entitled, an Act to provide for the restoration of the records and papers destroyed or injured by fire in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore county, be and he is hereby required forthwith, or as soon as practicable, to report to the House of Delegates, or to such committee as that Body may appoint for that purpose, the number of records, indexes, papers and dockets, which have been restored and re-established by his agency in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore county, distinguishing between such as have been wholly, and such as have been partially destroyed by fire. The said Commissioner is hereby further required to state the gross amount of expenses to the county incurred in the shape of per diem for commissioner and clerk during his term of office up to the date of the report, and out of what fund the same has been drawn, and also, what additional expense, (in his opinion,) will be necessary to complete the work he was appointed to perform.

On motion of Mr. Hoffman,

The rules were suspended, and the following was

Ordered, That the chairman of the County Commissioners, Joshua F. Cockey, the Treasurer of Baltimore county, Christian Gore, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore county, John H. Longnecker, be and are hereby directed to appear forthwith, before a committee of the House of Delegates, to give any and all information, they may be possessed of in relation to the burnt records in the Circuit Court of Baltimore county, on the 24th day of Jan., 1865.

The report of the committee on Rules was taken up, read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Soper,

Two hundred copies of the report were ordered to be printed.

(See Document B.)

Mr. Anderson from a select committee reported favorably a bill entitled, An Act, for the relief of the Mayor and Council and Citizens of Hagerstown, and authorizing the raising by taxation the sum of \$35,000, for the purposes therein named.