

Some certificates stated on their face to be for "per diem only," have since been paid and a few others where, I was satisfied the person receiving the money had not drawn more than the four hundred dollars or its proportional part.

In paying these certificates the bank acts as agent of the Treasury Department, and for its convenience as well as the convenience of the Members of the Legislature. If it disregards the instructions of the Comptroller and Treasurer, it does so at its own risk, and I consider the bank to be carrying out the views and wishes of those officers in the course it has pursued in this matter, to be acting entirely under their verbal instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

N. HAMMOND, Cashier.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Rider presented a petition from citizens of Barren Creek District, Somerset county, praying the passage of a law organizing a new county out of portions of Somerset and Worcester counties;

Which was read and referred to the Select committee already appointed.

Mr. Markey presented a petition from Jacob Rudy and 43 other citizens of Middletown, Frederick county, praying the passage of a law to legalize the acts of the corporate authorities in collecting a tax to meet the requisition of Gen. Early, made in July last;

Which was read and referred to the Frederick county delegation.

On motion of Mr. Wardwell,

Ordered, That the President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, be requested to forward to this House, a statement of the present condition of the work and its financial affairs.

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Ordered, That the bill amendatory of the charter of the Baltimore City Passenger Railway company, be printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. Watkins,

Leave was granted the Montgomery county delegation to report a bill to authorize the Commissioners of Montgomery county to convey to Lewis Shotts, by deed, a portion of the Court House Square.