

languishing condition, owing to the limited demand that exists for its surplus products, and the consequent low prices at which they sell; and it being right, now that the public debt is extinguished, to diminish the burdens of the people by repealing or discontinuing such taxes as may properly be dispensed with, consistently with a due regard to the efficient support of government; and it appearing, by official statements that have been made to this house, that, with the balance now remaining in the treasury, and the increasing revenue to be derived from the ordinary sources of indirect taxation, there will be ample means to meet all necessary expenditures; Therefore,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at this time to continue the levying of direct taxes.

The house proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, in regard to the bill which was made the order of that day, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-four, entitled, An act to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Somerset county into election districts, and other purposes; and the same having been read the second time, was passed and sent to the senate.

The house then proceeded to the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the establishment of a new Medical College in the city of Baltimore. The speaker called Mr. Potter to the chair. And on progressing in the reading thereof, the following order was submitted by the speaker:

Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the establishment of a new Medical College in the city of Baltimore, be recommitted to a select committee of seven, and that the said committee be instructed to inquire into the propriety of altering and amending the charter of the University of Maryland.

Mr. M·Culloh moved that the following be added to the order as an amendment: "and into the willingness of the regents of said university, to accept such amendments or alterations;" which was agreed to and the order, as amended, was then adopted.

The speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Ridout, Tyson, Maxcy, Montgomery, Barrette, Willson and Hopper, as the select committee authorised by the above order.

The house proceeded to the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend so much of the constitution and form of government as relates to clerks of the county courts, and registers of wills. And on progressing in the reading thereof, a motion was made to strike out the first section of the bill, which was determined in the negative.

Motions were then made by several members in succession, to strike from the first section of the bill, the word "third," for the purpose of inserting, "tenth," "eighth," "seventh" and "sixth;" all of which were negatived.

Mr. Thomas moved to refer the said bill to the first day of April next? Determined in the negative.

Mr. B. I. Jones moved to refer it to the first day of October next. Determined in the negative.

Mr. A. E. Jones moved to refer it to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Sappington moved the following amendment in lieu of the first section: