

The Speaker announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the order of the day,

The house then proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. McLean, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, entitled, an act relating to limited partnership in this State.

On motion of Mr. McLean, said order of the day was postponed until to-morrow.

The Speaker announced the following communication as having been received from the Executive on yesterday—

Council Chamber,

Annapolis, January 16, 1837.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your order of yesterday's date, requesting us to furnish you with a list of all the officers, civil and military, who receive compensation under the government of this State, the amount of their compensation, and the manner in which payment is made.

In reply, we beg leave respectfully to state, that the official records of this Department do not contain any evidence of the compensation received by but comparatively a very few of the officers of the State; and there are many civil officers provided for, both by the constitution and by law, to be appointed otherwise than by the Executive, of whose appointments we have no official knowledge, and of the amount of whose compensation we know nothing.

The greater part of officers who are entitled by law to fixed salaries, (such as the Chancellor, judges, &c.) receive their compensation directly from the Treasury, without the intervention or official knowledge of the Executive; and a still greater number, (such as clerks and registers, justices of the orphans and levy courts, justices of the peace, constables, &c.) are entitled by law, some of them to per diem allowances, and others to fees, of whose actual receipts as compensation, we have no knowledge.

Under resolution of December session 1830, the Clerk of the Council has, since that time, transmitted annually to the Legislature a statement of the disbursements and expenditures of the Executive Department for the previous year. Such a statement was recently transmitted to you, in which the names of all officers whose compensation is at Executive discretion, appears, with the sums paid to each.

With the highest consideration,

We have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servants,

THO. W. VEAZEY.