

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making the leaving of a copy of a *capias ad respondendum*, issued by a justice of the peace, or by authority of a magistrates' court, at the dwelling or place of abode of an absconding defendant, or defendant who refuses to surrender himself to the proper officer, good service of said writ—and also to inquire into the expediency of requiring the plaintiff in an action or writ for recovery of a small debt before a justice of the peace, or magistrates' court, to pay his costs at or before the rendition of the judgment.

Mr. Townsend, of Talbot, submitted the following preamble and resolution—

Whereas the court house in Easton, Talbot county, built at the joint expense of the state and county, and occupied by the court of appeals, register of the land office, and examiner general's office, is at this time in a very dilapidated condition, and wholly unfit for the accommodation of the county and several officers above mentioned—and whereas the repairs which have heretofore been done have been at the expense of Talbot county, except a small appropriation made by the legislature some time past,

Therefore, Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the commissioners of the tax for Talbot county, or to their order, the sum of \$——, which said sum of money shall be applied exclusively to the repairs of said house;

Which were read the first, and by a special order the second time.

On motion of Mr. Kerr, said preamble and resolution were referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Perry submitted the following preamble and resolution—

Whereas, by an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, chapter one hundred and twenty-eight, it was provided by the third section thereof that all certificates of survey of lands made in Allegany county after the passage of said act, and returned to the land office of the Western Shore, should be compounded on within twelve months from the date of said certificate of survey, or become null and void—

And whereas it is represented that Nathan Riley hath returned to the land office a certificate for a tract of land called "Addition to Fat Bacon," containing sixty-four acres and one-fourth of an acre, which should have been compounded.