

tain sum of money collected of him by fines in said county,

Which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Iglehart, chairman of the committee on claims, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Edmund P. Plowden, of St. Mary's county, praying indemnity for the loss of a horse in the State's service during the late war,

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

Mr. Ford offered as a substitute for said report the following:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorized and required to pay to Edmund P. Plowden, or order, of St. Mary's county, the sum of fifty dollars out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, as full compensation for the loss of a horse in the State service during the late war.

Which was read the first and by a [special order the second time.

On the question being put—will the house adopt said substitute?

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on adopting the report of the committee, and

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Jones, chairman of the select committee, delivered the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying that the act of Assembly of 1836, chapter 211, may be repealed, beg leave to

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That they have given the subject their most serious consideration, and while they are disposed to believe from the statements contained in the petition, that the bridge is located entirely within the limits of Worcester county, which should, as a matter of right be subjected to all the expenses of its construction, cannot at the same time discover any justifiable means by which the law can be avoided, as to Somerset county. The enactment of the legislature took place in the presence of the representatives of that county, and it is probable with their concurrence. Under its operation contracts have been made, and the work has been done in conformity with these contracts. It is not now therefore, as it appears to your committee, within the power of the General Assembly to annul these contracts or to destroy the vested rights which have arisen under them. This law however provides only for the building of the bridge; and all repairs required hereafter will necessarily be made by the county in which it is located.—The committee beg leave therefore to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER S. JONES, Chairman.