

Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, made an unfavorable report upon the order of the house, instructing said committee to enquire into the expediency of directing the Treasurer of the Western Shore to subscribe for one thousand shares of the capital stock of the Washington County Bank, which are reserved for the State, and to pay for the same out of the special deposits to the credit of this State in the Union Bank of Maryland.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kerr, chairman of the joint committee on the library, delivered the following report:

The joint committee on the State Library, to whom was referred the resolution instructing them to enquire into the expediency of purchasing from the executors of Horace Ridout, certain papers relative to the early history of Maryland,

REPORT,

That they have examined the said papers and find them to be of an important and interesting nature. Your committee deem it proper here to name some of the documents, that they may impress the Legislature more fully with their true value and character, and with the connexion they bear to the historical transactions of our Provincial era, viz:

3 volumes—containing letters from Governor Sharp to Lord Baltimore, and his Secretary, Mr. Calvert, relating to the affairs of the Province from 1753 to 1768.

2 volumes—containing letters from Governor Sharp to the Governors of the British North American Colonies, and to the English Generals on service in North America; to the English Secretaries of State, and to the Board of Trade.

1 volume—Leger for the Maryland Troops.

2 volumes—Custom House Books.

2 volumes—Field Books of the Surveyors, employed to ascertain the boundary line between Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Instructions from George 2d, to Lord Baltimore.

Instructions from Lord Baltimore to Governor Sharp.

Journal of Proceedings of the Convention of Delegates from the several Colonial Governments, to form a treaty with the Six Nations of Indians, held at Albany in 1754.

History of the Revenue Laws of Maryland.

Historical Memoranda.

Files of original letters from the Governors of several of the Colonies—from British Generals, Secretaries of State, from the Board of Trade, from Lord Baltimore, &c., &c. from 1753 to 1768.

Several parchment documents and commissions from Lord Baltimore, relative to the settlement of the boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Amongst the miscellaneous papers are letters from William Pitt, (Lord Chatham) Lords Hillsborough, Egremont, Duke of Rich-