

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

This very interesting report, which was yesterday laid before the House of Delegates, will find its way into our paper.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, Annapolis, Jan. 14, 1828.

This being the day appointed by the Constitution for the Annual Meeting of the Society of the Alumni of St. John's College, the meeting was held at the City Hall, and Richard Harwood, of this city, second Vice-President, presided.

Robert H. Goldborough, of Talbot county, First Vice-President; Richard Harwood, of this city, Second Vice-President; George Shaw, of Annapolis, Secretary.

The Liverwort.

Gentlemen: You have frequently served the cause of suffering humanity, by giving circulation to important discoveries made in the Kingdom of the Invisible World.

As soon as I saw Doctor Herford's publication of the beneficial effects produced by the drinking of the Liverwort, I determined to give the Liverwort a fair trial in my case, and accordingly procured a supply, which I have used for near three months.

Which was twice read: when Mr. Thomas of Frederick, proposed to amend the same by striking out the words 'others' who hang upon the treasury, and substituting in lieu thereof the words 'other officers whose salaries depend upon the annual enactments of the legislature.'

By Mr. Thomas of Cecil. A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the more effectual protection of public works in this state, passed at December session 1824, ch. 53.

By Mr. Donoho. An act to repeal a part of the act of December session 1820, chapter 24, so far as the same relates to the waters of Nanticoke river.

By Mr. Shriver. The petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, counter to the petition of sundry other inhabitants of said town, praying the passage of a law authorising the opening of certain alleys in said town, presented by Mr. Shriver on Wednesday last the 23d instant; which was referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition to which this is counter.

By Mr. Mackey, the petition of Samuel Wilson, of Cecil county, praying for a law conferring authority to place the property of his idiot brother, Allen Wilson, under the control and direction of the orphan court of said county; which was referred to Messrs. Mackey, Thomas of Cecil, and Mercer.

House of Delegates. SATURDAY, January 26, 1828.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

By Mr. Thomas of Cecil, a petition from the trustees of the Charles-town Presbyterian congregation, in Cecil county, praying for a law to secure the title, in fee simple, respecting their meeting-house and lots in said town, for the use of the said congregation; which was referred to Messrs. Thomas of Cecil, Harlan and Mackey.

By Mr. Peter, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, praying the repeal of the act passed at December session 1826, chapter 247, entitled, An act to provide for the repair of public roads in Montgomery county.

By Mr. Hughes of Montgomery, the petition of sundry citizens of Montgomery county, counter to the petition last mentioned. Ordered, That the said petition and counter petition, be referred to Messrs. Peter, Lee, Hughes of Montgomery, and Lansdale.

By Mr. Steuart of Baltimore, the petition of Guy Beatty, of the city of Baltimore, for a divorce from his wife Sarah Beatty. And, By Mr. Shriver, the petition of Sarah Curry, of Frederick county, for a divorce from her husband James Curry.

On motion by Mr. Thomas of Cecil, it was Ordered, That the committee on claims be instructed to continue the usual per diem allowance to Mr. Mackey for and during the time he was absent from the seat of government, his absence being in consequence of the death of his wife.

On motion, it was Ordered, That Messrs. Steuart of Baltimore, McMahon and Turner, be appointed a committee to prepare and report a bill to be entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to open and extend Pine-street, in the city of Baltimore. Whereupon Mr. Steuart of Baltimore, accordingly reported said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie upon the table.

On motion, it was Ordered, That Messrs. Parran, Sellman, and Thomas of Cecil, be appointed a committee to prepare and report a bill to be entitled, An act for the protection of tenants, and for other purposes.

Mr. Thomas of Frederick, having asked and obtained leave of the house for the purpose, reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act incorporating a company to make a turnpike road from the city of Frederick to Harper's Ferry; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, it was Ordered, That Messrs. Douglas of Dorchester, Lake, and Williams of Dorchester, be appointed a committee to prepare and report a bill to be entitled, An act relating to the levy court in and for Dorchester county, and for other purposes.

Mr. Tilghman from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and fix the allowance of members of the senate, members of the house of delegates, and their respective officers, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sellman offered the following order for consideration: Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the salaries of a governor, members of the council, treasurer, clerk of the council, auditor, examiner general the per diem officers of the house of delegates, and of the senate; and all officers who hang upon the treasury.

Which was twice read: when Mr. Thomas of Frederick, proposed to amend the same by striking out the words 'others' who hang upon the treasury, and substituting in lieu thereof the words 'other officers whose salaries depend upon the annual enactments of the legislature.'

By Mr. Thomas of Cecil. A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the more effectual protection of public works in this state, passed at December session 1824, ch. 53.

By Mr. Hope. An act to repeal an act, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for making certain roads in Baltimore and Harford counties, passed at December session 1815, chapter 48.

By Mr. Donoho. An act to repeal a part of the act of December session 1820, chapter 24, so far as the same relates to the waters of Nanticoke river.

By Mr. Shriver. The petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, counter to the petition of sundry other inhabitants of said town, praying the passage of a law authorising the opening of certain alleys in said town, presented by Mr. Shriver on Wednesday last the 23d instant; which was referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition to which this is counter.

By Mr. Mackey, the petition of Samuel Wilson, of Cecil county, praying for a law conferring authority to place the property of his idiot brother, Allen Wilson, under the control and direction of the orphan court of said county; which was referred to Messrs. Mackey, Thomas of Cecil, and Mercer.

Also the petition of sundry inhabitants, and owners of property within the limits of the town of Elkton, in Cecil county, praying to be relieved from the town tax therein mentioned, as imposed by virtue of the act of assembly passed at December session 1822, chapter 143, which was referred to Messrs. Mackey, Harlan, Thomas of Cecil, Showers and Hope.

And the petition of James Davidson, of Cecil county, a revolutionary soldier, praying that a pension may be allowed him; which was referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Mackey also presented a report of the clerk of Cecil county court, relative to the attendance of the judges of that court; which was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

By Mr. Boon, the memorial and remonstrance of John Archer Robertson, of Kent county, in which he charges the judges of Baltimore county court with a violation of his constitutional rights, in excluding him from the practice of law in said court; which was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

By Mr. Wells, the petition of Elizabeth Ross, of the city of Annapolis, stating that she is utterly unable to procure by her exertions a living for herself and child, and praying for support; which was referred to the committee on the subject to which it relates.

Mr. Tilghman having asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act directing the application of the common school fund in Queen-Anne's county, it was on his motion, Ordered, That Messrs. Tilghman, Stevens and Ruth, be appointed a committee to prepare and report the same.

Mr. Gantt having asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to authorise the several courts in this state to appoint surveyors, in certain cases, it was, on his motion, Ordered, That Messrs. Gantt, Beall and Duval, be appointed a committee to prepare and report the same.

Whereupon Mr. Gantt accordingly reported said bill, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gough, chairman of the committee on insolvency, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas D. Singleton, asked for, and obtained, permission of the house, to withdraw the report of said committee, made in that case on the 24th instant, with the bill accompanying said report.

On motion by Mr. Somerville, it was Ordered, That the committee of claims examine the account of Wm. S. Morsell, clerk of Calvert county court, for fees against the state, and report thereon to this house.

TUESDAY, January 29, 1828. The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill from the senate, passed by this house on Saturday last, entitled, An act for the benefit of William W. Whittington, Charlotte Whittington, John R. Whittington, and Robert H. Whittington, the infant children and heirs at law, and representatives of William Whittington, late of Worcester county, deceased; and the bills from the senate, passed by this house yesterday, entitled,

A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to change the names of the Bank of Westminster and Office of Pay and Receipt to the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Frederick County, and to locate said bank at Frederick city, with a branch at Westminster. And,

An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments, passed at November session, one thousand eight hundred and nine; were returned to the senate.

The bills of this house, passed on Saturday last, entitled, An act to revive an act passed at November session 1811, chapter 153, and to repeal an act passed at December session 1826, chapter 143, concerning the town of Salisbury, in Somerset and Worcester counties. And,

An act to provide for electing commissioners for Harford county, and prescribing their powers and duties. Also, The message adopted by the house on Saturday last, with the bill to which it relates, entitled, An act to remunerate Robert Boone of Anne-Arundel county, for the loss of a certain negro slave therein mentioned.

The resolution in favour of Samuel Mearns, of Cecil county, also passed by the house on Saturday last. The resolution in favour of John Williams, of the city of Baltimore, passed by the house yesterday.

And the bills of this house, passed yesterday, of the following titles: An act to repeal an act to declare certain trespasses felony, and for other purposes, passed at December session 1826, chapter 260, so far as it relates to Calvert and Baltimore counties.

A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, passed at November session eighteen hundred and nine, chapter seventy-six.

An act to alter and repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Worcester county into election districts.

WEDNESDAY, January 30. Report of the Committee on Ways and Means. The committee on ways and means, after carefully examining the several subjects submitted to their consideration, make the following report: The treasurer reports the balance remaining in the treasury on the 1st day of December 1826, to have been \$103,284 28

To which add the amount of receipts from the 1st day of December 1826 to 1st day of December 1827 266,416 42 Making together a total of \$369,700 70 From which deducting the amount of disbursements for the fiscal year ending on the 1st day of December 1827 293,409 31

deem it unnecessary to report the same, and have therefore departed from the course pursued, and have only submitted this statement of the deficit of the fiscal year ending on the 1st day of December 1827, now to be provided for, in addition to the current expenses of the present year.

The probable receipts for the present year, are as follows: For interest on the 3 per cent stock of the U. S. States, 10,440

For dividends of stock of the Bank of Baltimore estimated at 6 per cent. 10,440 For dividends of stock of the Union Bank of Maryland, at 5 per cent. 1,500

For dividends of stock of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, at 6 per cent. 11,400 For dividends of stock of the Hagers' town Bank, at 6 per cent. 1,600

For dividends of stock of the Commercial and Farmers' Bank of Baltimore, at 8 per cent. 1,933 84 For dividends of stock of the Farmers' and Merchants Bank of Baltimore, at 6 per cent. 900

For dividends of stock of the Franklin Bank of Baltimore, at 8 per cent. 1,200 For dividends of stock of the Baltimore and Frederick-Town Turnpike Road, at 4 1/2 per cent. 440

For interest on loan to trustees of Charlotte Hall School, 169 For fines and forfeitures, amerciaments, marriage, ordinary and other licenses, 50,000

For escheat and vacant land, 2,000 For taxes in chancery, 1,000 For tax on plaintiffs per act of Dec. session 1825, chap. 195, 2,500

For the loan authorised by the act of 1826, ch. 229, sec. 4, 30,000 From the medical professors of the University of Maryland, 1,500

From the directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, 2,772 3/4 From state lotteries, 14,000

From the state tobacco inspection in Baltimore, 30,000 On account of the direct tax for 1823, per act of December session 1822, 500

On account of the direct tax for 1824, per act of December session 1823, 1,000 On account of the direct tax for 1825, per act of December session 1824, 2,000

On account of the direct tax for 1826, per act of December session 1825, 2,500 \$178,788 78

From which deduct the deficit 1st Dec. 1827, including the journal of accounts of the present session, 51,388 42

There will then remain applying to the expenses of the ensuing year, \$127,400 36 The probable demands on the Treasury for the ensuing year are as follows:

For the salaries of the following civil officers, viz. The governor, \$2,666 67 The council, 2,500

Their clerk, 1,500 Their messenger, 450 The treasurer of the western-shore, 2,000

The treasurer of the eastern-shore, 450 The trustee, 200 The librarian, 225

The auditor general, 800 The clerk of the house of delegates, 400 The clerk of the senate, 150

The examiner general western shore, his fees deducted, 600 The examiner general, eastern shore, his fees deducted, 150

The state's agent western shore, 600 The state's agent eastern shore, 350 The register of the land office western shore, 30

The register of the land office eastern shore, 20 For pensions to officers and soldiers, 16,097

For donations to colleges, academies and schools, 13,000 For the addition to the penitentiary per act of Dec. session 1826, chap. 229, 16,495

For expenses on account of the Militia, viz. Salary to the adjutant general, 500

Armourer for the western shore, 800 Armourer for the eastern shore, 300

Rent of gun house and magazine, 95 On account of the Judiciary, viz. For salary to the chancellor, 3,400

The chief judge of Baltimore city court, 2,400 The chief judges of the six judicial districts, 13,200

The associate judges of ditto, 16,800 The judge of the land office E. S. 400

For per diem to the messenger of the Court of Chancery, estimated at 200 To the sheriff Court of Appeals W. Shore, do. 810

To the sheriff Court of Appeals E. Shore, do. 95 The Crier of Court of Appeals W. Shore, do. 150

The Crier of Court of Appeals E. Shore, do. 85 For Indian annuities, 190

For the completion of the Washington Monument, 2,000 For salaries, &c. to the agent

clerk, physician and deputy keepers of the penitentiary, 7,350 For interest on penitentiary 5 per cent stock of 1822 and loan of 1825, 2,772 3/4

For interest on University 5 per cent stock of 1822, 1,500 For the University sinking fund per act of 1827, ch. 83, sec. 10, 500

For the sinking fund under the direction of the board of public works, 440 For the augmentation of the library per act of 1826, chap. 53, sec. 8, 200

For salaries to the state's inspectors of tobacco in Baltimore and their clerks, 5,700 For rent of tobacco warehouses in Baltimore, 2,000

For interest on loans of 1827 per act of 1826, chap. 250 and chap. 211, 3,400 For so much to build or purchase tobacco warehouses in Baltimore, 19,900

For the completion of the Chancery records, 3,500 For commission to the state's agent, estimated at 500

For salary to the keeper of the government house, 200 For the use of the colonization society for 1828, per act of 1826, chap. 172, 1,000

For contingent expenses estimated at 3,000 For miscellaneous and additional expenses, certain and probable, 22,000

\$173,291 03 Deficit as of 1st Dec. 1828, \$45,890 67

To which add, for the journal of accounts, &c. of December session 1827, 45,000 \$90,890 67

The large deficit to be provided for, has been the unavoidable consequence of the acts of the legislature for the last three years. In eighteen hundred and twenty-one, the probable annual deficit was estimated by the committee on ways and means, at sixty thousand dollars, and such measures were recommended and adopted as they deemed best to replenish our exhausted treasury. The same course was pursued for the two succeeding years; and in eighteen hundred and twenty-four, the surplus remaining in the treasury, over and above the current expenses for that year, was estimated by the committee on ways and means at thirty-six thousand two hundred and sixty-eight dollars, and five and one half cents, applicable to the service of the fiscal year, ending the first of December eighteen hundred and twenty-

five. Since the session of the legislature for eighteen hundred and twenty-three, many of the most productive sources of revenue, have from time to time been parted with, whilst at the same time the expenses of government have been increased by the appropriations of the legislature. The natural consequence of decreasing the revenue, and increasing the appropriations, has been, as anticipated, an inability to meet our engagements, and the legislature, at its last session, having determined to pay in advance their subscription to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, a loan of twenty thousand dollars was found necessary for that purpose, the interest of which will be an additional charge upon the treasury, already unable to meet the demands upon it.

The committee will now proceed to exhibit a fair estimate of the probable annual receipts and expenditures, in order to show the annual deficit to be provided, the sources from whence the revenue is derived, and the objects to which it is usually applied.

The probable permanent receipts are as follow: For interest on 3 per cent stock of U. S. \$10,053 05 For dividends of stock of the Bank of Baltimore, estimated at 6 per cent. 10,440