

But it appears that they acted upon the subject at the request of the printer, as this was a contract between the printer and the state. If for his salary fixed by law he had not engaged to furnish the magistrates with copies of the votes and proceedings, he ought still to have refused to submit to the opinion of the legislature, and to have claimed his salary for the other work already done by him, if payment had been refused, he would have obtained relief in the courts of justice.

By printing the second edition of the votes and proceedings, because the legislature said it was his duty, the printer acknowledged that this legislative construction of his contract was correct.

The printer does not appear to have made to the legislature any claim for printing the journals and laws of the extra session (June 1812;) This subject of course has not been referred to the executive. If it had been within the terms of the reference, the justice of it would have depended on the practice heretofore.

The executive acting upon the resolution aforesaid, is of opinion that the printer of the state is entitled to receive for the extra services and expenses imposed by the resolution of eighteen hundred and eleven, the sum of two hundred and forty-three dollars, and direct that an order be drawn in his favour accordingly for that sum—Order issued accordingly.

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy from the proceedings of the council of the 5th of March 1813. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand this 9 December, 1816.

NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk to Council.

Your committee, believing the prayer of the memorialist to be reasonable, submit the following resolve: Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Jehu Chandler, such a sum of money out of the treasury as shall make his salary, while printer to the state, equal to the sum of fourteen hundred and forty-three dollars, except for the year eighteen hundred and eleven.

By order,

J. W. BORDLEY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Banning delivers a bill, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the levy court of Talbot county, for the benefit of the poor of said county; which was read.

The bill to lay out and make public a road in Cecil county, and the bill appointing commissioners to revise and correct the original plat of the town of Cumberland in Allegany county, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. T. H. Dorsey, the following resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the examiner general shall lay before the next general assembly the amount of fees that he may receive in the present year on oath, and that the treasurer of the western shore thereafter pay to him or his order, such sum in addition to said fees as shall amount to eight hundred dollars the present year.

On motion by Mr. Handy, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the mode of repairing the public roads in Worcester county. Ordered, That Messrs. Handy, Quinton and Selby, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Selby, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act to establish and incorporate a medical and chirurgical faculty or society in the state of Maryland. Ordered, That Messrs. Selby, Whittington, Claude, Schnebly and Dennis, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Jenkins, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Townley Royley, late sheriff and collector of Charles county, to complete his collections. Ordered, That Messrs. Jenkins, Stoddert and Posey, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to lay out and make public a road in Queen-Anne's county, and the bill to authorise James Keene, late sheriff of Caroline county, to complete his collections, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill from the senate entitled, An act authorising certain commissioners therein named to survey and lay out a road in Cecil county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

Mr. A. D. Mitchell delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising George W. Lightner, late sheriff and collector of Cecil county, to complete his collections; which was read.

The bill for extending North-street on the east side of Jones' falls in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Bradford delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for a road from the mouth of Cooley's branch, on Deer creek, to Rock-Run tan house; which was read and referred to Messrs. Bradford, H. Hall and Sewell.

Mr. Price delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for an alteration of the charter of the Baltimore and York town turnpike company; which was read and referred to Messrs. Price, R. K. Watts, Bowles, Davis and Showers.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a petition from sundry wood-carriers and other citizens of this state, praying that law may pass vesting the appointment of wood-corders in the city of Baltimore in the executive; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Dennis, Blakistone, Horrell and Hands.

The bill for the benefit of the University of Maryland; the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make the several turnpike roads therein mentioned, and the bill to lay out and open a road in Cecil county, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of Oliver Pollock, was read the second time and concurred in.

The bill to incorporate the trustees of the Union school of Dorchester county, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Dennis, the following order was read and adopted.

Ordered, That the inspectors of the penitentiary be requested to furnish the house of delegates with an abstract shewing the number of convict slaves who have survived the time of their servitude in the penitentiary, since the establishment of said institution, designating the respective counties from which each of the said convicts were respectively sent, whether any and what disposition has been made of any of said convict slaves, and if so of how many, and also, what disposition has been made of the proceeds of any sale or sales which may at any time have been made.

Mr. Kell delivers petitions from Moses Poor and Jonas Hastings, Isaac Owens and Daniel W. Tenevel, of the city of Baltimore, praying special acts of insolvency; which were severally read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.