

assembly entitled, "An act to regulate lotteries" proper to be adopted, they would respectfully recommend its continuance, with such additional regulations as would render it most efficient.

THE PUBLIC DEBT

At the commencement of the last financial year, the state was indebted to sundry banks for loans, bearing an interest of 7 per cent the sum of \$58,000 00
Of this debt the sum of \$28,000 with the interest arising thereon, has been paid during that year 28,000 00

Leaving a balance of \$30,000 00 due to the Farmers Bank of Maryland, which bank, as has before been stated, hath expressed a desire that the same should continue in the use of the state for another year, and which your committee recommends should be done

DEBTS DUE TO THE STATE FROM ITS CITIZENS.

Amount of debts due \$368,863 66
Amount by the treasurer deemed invalid 27,165 99

Leaving a sum of \$341,697 67 composed of debts supposed to be good—the proper measures for the collection of which is for the legislature to devise.

STATE'S CLAIM ON THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

The whole claims for disbursements during the war amounts to the sum of \$293,993 65 14
Of which has been received at various periods the sum of 274,700 21

Leaving a balance of \$19,293 44 14 Of this sum the war-department has refused to pay, as inadmissible upon principle, the sum of 15,165 25

Leaving a balance of \$4,128 19 14 for liquidation, and which sum will probably be received in the course of the current year, in which case the surplus in the treasury subject to appropriation, or for the commencement of the financial year of 1822, will amount to the sum of \$38,942 34 cents.

Your committee cannot close this report without expressing their sense of the great ability, activity and energy displayed by the executive of the state, in bringing to a close the last mentioned claim against the general government, and their full concurrence in the justness of the commendation that department has been pleased to express towards Mr. Ninian Pinkney, for his able and indefatigable arrangement of the vouchers and documents inducing that adjustment.

All which is submitted.

By order,

J. MOORE, Clerk Com of Ways and Means.

Which was read.

Mr. Hilleary presents a petition from James Peale, of Allegany county, praying that an erroneous call in the certificate of a tract called "The Flowery Meads," may be corrected; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hilleary, Reid and Bair

On motion by Mr. B. S. Forrest, the question was put, That the bill relative to sales at auction be postponed until Wednesday next? Determined in the negative.

Mr. T. Kennedy presents a petition from John Holman, of Washington county, praying he may be authorised to remove a slave into this state; which was read and referred to messrs T. Kennedy, Bowles and Gabby.

Mr. Bowles presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying that the managers of the turnpike road from Boonsborough to Swearingen's ferry, may be authorised to fill up their vacancies; which was read and referred to messrs Bowles, T. Kennedy and Kershner.

Mr. Barney presents a memorial from sundry citizens of Baltimore, praying for the repeal of the first section of the law passed December session 815, chapter 142; which was read and referred to messrs. Barney, Orrick and Snowden.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the trustees of the Harford academy; which was read.

Mr S Stevens delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James C. Dew, of the city of Baltimore, beg leave to report—that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion, inasmuch as there is no testimony to prove by what authority John Young rented said Dew's house, that the claim of said Dew might not be allowed; therefore he have leave to withdraw his petition

By order,

S. S. HODGKIN, Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr J P Kennedy presents a petition from the merchants and ship owners of the port of Baltimore, praying for the decrease of pilotage; which was read and referred to messrs. J. P. Kennedy, Carney and Key.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill to regulate sales by public auction, and on motion by Mr. Barney, the question was put. That the whole of the same be stricken out from the title? And after some time spent in debating the same, the house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 16, 1821.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Stoddert presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county praying that a tobacco warehouse may be erected at Cedar point; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stoddert, Posey and Rogerson

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