

actually deemed hopeless by a large portion of the citizens of the state; the whole course and proceedings of the agent, in the management of the business confided to him, and the real difficulties and obstacles which have been obviated and removed by his exertions and representations of the peculiar nature of the case; the actual personal expenses which must have been necessarily incurred by him in pursuing the business of his agency abroad, and the successful event of an actual payment into the treasury of so large a portion of the claim as 24,710 21, they cannot hesitate to report their opinion, that the agent has a just claim upon the state for a liberal reward of his services; and in their view of the case are of opinion and do report, that a settlement of his compensation at the rate of two per cent on the portion of the claim which has been actually recovered, will be no more, than just and reasonable; the committee therefore beg leave to recommend to the house the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to John Leeds Kerr, the agent appointed to liquidate and settle with the general government the necessary expenditures incurred by the state during the late war," the sum of twenty-one hundred and ninety-four dollars, in addition to the sums heretofore advanced to him in part, as a compensation for his services rendered the state.

Which was read, and ordered to have a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Willis presents a petition from George A. Smith, late sheriff of Caroline county, praying further time, to complete his collection; which was read and referred to Messrs. Willis, Whitely and Hardecastle.

The house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, relative to the University of Maryland, and the resolution therein contained assented to, the blank being first filled up with \$15,000.

The supplement to the act for the benefit of the University of Maryland, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one system the laws relating to direct descents, endorsed "will pass;" which was read.

On motion by Mr. Marriott, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers. Ordered, That Messrs. Marriott, B. Forrest and Lecompte, report the same.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the report of the committee of ways and means. On motion by Mr. Lecompte, That the following be inserted before the words "expenditure for the year 1821." "From this deduct the sum of \$13,185 56 2-3, (a portion of the receipts of cash into the treasury since 1st Dec. 1820,) the said sum being included in the treasurer's estimate of the permanent revenue of the state for the year 1821."

On motion by Mr. J. P. Kennedy, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. King, the question was put, That the report be recommitted? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on the amendment? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the question was put, That the following be inserted between the words "therefore" and "resolved?" "Resolved. That in order to prevent as far as practicable the further diminution of the state's capital, it is right and expedient at this time, to provide for the levying a tax on sales at auction, under such modification and restriction as the legislature shall devise." The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Key, Reeder, Millard, Boyer, Thomas, J. B. Eccleston, Browne, Beckett, Stoddert, Edelen, Rogerson, King, Lecompte, K. Hall, Ducan, Wilson, Parker, M. Pherson, Gaither, Harding, Darne, B. Forrest, Hilleary, Blair.—24.

NEGATIVE.—Speaker, Marriott, T. W. Hall, Wyvill, Weems, Kent, Dalrymple, Showers, Snowden, Orrick, S. Stevens, Polk, Lake, Archer, T. Williams, Cross, J. Forrest, Boyle, Wright, Muffit, Nicholson, Maulsby, Allen, Alderson, Norris, Holbrook, Willis, Hardecastle, Whitely, Barney, J. P. Kennedy, T. Kennedy, Kershner, Bowles.—4.

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Polk, the question was put, That the word "and" be stricken out of the words "your committee does not perceive the necessity of resorting at the present session of the legislature to taxes either direct or indirect." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, the question was put, That the house assent to the said report as far as to the words "your committee cannot close this report?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, the question was put, That the words "and agent" be inserted after the word "executive?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, it was so amended as to read, "and their full concurrence in the justice of the commendation, which has been expressed towards Mr. Ninian Pinkney, for his able and indefatigable arrangement of the vouchers and documents inducing that adjustment." And the question put, That the house concur with the residue of said report as amended? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 7. 1821.

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

The resolution in favour of the University of Maryland, and the supplement to the act for the benefit of the University of Maryland, passed at December session 1816, chap. 78, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Marriott reports a bill, entitled, A further additional supplementary act, to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers. Mr. J. P. Kennedy reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Joseph Jamison and Frederick Johnson, of Baltimore county. And Mr. King reports a bill, entitled, An act making a public landing at Dockery's point, in Somerset county, which were read.

Mr. Boyle delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of the mayor, recorder, aldermen, and common council of the city of Annapolis, report—That they have had the same under consideration, and are fully impressed with the belief, that the representation made is a subject of great interest, and merits the

most serious consideration, at the most beneficial to the state. The contracts are in Maryland, of one million. Some consumption without being subject to Annapolis as the repairs as can be which prevents the removal of the United States to a situation as Annapolis. The removal of this committee recommends. Whereas, a resolution of five thousand dollars for the harbour and port, whereas the said on as a naval depot. Resolved, That a sum of twenty thousand dollars for such period of the requisites of

Which was read. Mr. Orrick delivered. The committee report, praying the consent of trustees of the said and seventeen, million. Generation, and are read, they therefore

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Which was read. The bill relating to Mr. T. Kennedy's act of insolvency. Mr. Stoddert presented. Was read and referred. Mr. B. Forrest presented. Which was read a second time. On motion by Mr. King, the bill was read a second time in the senate.

Gentlemen of the House. We return you with great respect and respectfully suggest

Mr. J. Forrest presented. On out pensions.

Mr. W. W. Edwards presented. The committee report on the petition of the citizens of Dorchester county, praying that the said ditch, be levied and that, with every other improvement, be applied to the prayer of the petitioners, that all the persons who have been given their consent, whose lands the said ditch, be levied. There is no estimate of the cost, gratified, many persons are to an indefinite extent, citizens to improve the roads, and the advantage, which is derived from individuals, to the extent of property, fitted by the improvement. It has been consulted with your committee, and a greater number of persons, under the committee, under the present session.