

ords encouragement to the most extensive and destructive litigation. Your committee beg leave therefore to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby directed, to purchase from the reporters of the decisions which have taken place, and which may hereafter take place in the court of appeals of this state, one hundred copies of the edition, denominated the first volume of Harris and Johnson's reports, in addition to the number required by the resolution of December session, 1817, No. 46, and the like number of copies, in addition as afore said, of those which may be hereafter published, and to pay the amount thereof out of any money in the treasury.

Resolved, That the governor and council cause the said books, as they shall be purchased, to be forwarded and distributed as follows: To the court of appeals for each shore, two copies; to the court of chancery, one copy; to each county court, two copies; to Baltimore city court, two copies; to each orphans' court, one copy; to the chancellor one copy; to each judge of the several judicial districts, and of Baltimore city court, one copy; to the secretary of state one copy; to the library of congress, two copies; to the library of Baltimore, two copies; to every court that may be hereafter organized, and to each judge thereof, one copy; and that the residue remain in the council chamber, subject to the future disposition of the legislature.

EXHIBIT A.

The amount of the expense incurred in publishing Harris and Johnson's 1st volume of reports:

Paper,	\$ 430 85
Printing,	1,207 00
Binding,	422 60
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	\$2,060 55
Sale to the state,	\$487 50
Sales through booksellers, and books received in exchange,	462 20
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	\$1,110 85

HARRIS & JOHNSON.

Annapolis, February 4, 1823.

Which was read.

By order,

J. COCKEY, Jr. Clk.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.
BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 6, 1823.

Gentlemen of the Senate—With your concurrence, we propose to invite his excellency, the governor into the senate chamber on the 15th inst. at 7 o'clock, P. M. to sign such of the bills passed during the present session as may then be prepared for his signature.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Johnson presents a petition from Robert Lyon, and others, securities of Thomas Baily, praying to be released, as securities of said Baily, for a debt due by him to the state; read and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Worthington and Stansbury.

Mr. Semmes presents a petition from the United States Naval Fraternal Association, praying to be incorporated; read and referred to Messrs. Semmes, Carroll, Wright, Steele and Kilgour.

Also a petition from Elizabeth A. Lowndes, a minor, praying for the sale of a slave; read and referred to Messrs. Semmes, Wootten and Culver.

Mr. Johnson delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Richards, of Baltimore county, praying the repeal of a certain law therein mentioned; have had the same under their consideration, and beg leave to report, that from the evidence before them they think it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

T. CROSS, Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

Mr. Meconiken delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Wright, of Queen Anne's county, beg leave to report the following resolution:

WHEREAS, judgments have been severally obtained against Thomas Wright, Henry Darden, and Thomas Wright, administrators of Clayton Wright and Robert Wright, at suit of the estate, on the office bond of Samuel T. Wright, late clerk of Queen Anne's county court, on which said judgments the said parties have requested indulgence; be it therefore,

Resolved, That all proceedings on the said judgments shall be suspended until the first day of October, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, provided that each of the said defendants shall pay to the treasurer of the eastern shore the one fourth part of the said judgments, in manner following; that is to say, the one third of one fourth part of the principal, and all the interest and costs due on such fourth part, on the first day of October, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, the like sum of principal, and all the interest due on the remainder of such fourth part, on the first day of October, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, and the remaining part of such fourth part, with all the interest due thereon, on the first day of October, eighteen hundred and twenty-five; and if either of the parties aforesaid shall neglect to pay the proportion so as aforesaid directed to be paid by him, then execution shall and may forthwith issue on the judgment against the party so neglecting, in the same manner as if this resolution had not passed: *Provided also*, that nothing in this resolution contained, shall prevent the state from recovering