

and Johnson, on the part of the senate, to join such gentlemen as you may name to wait upon his excellency to invite him to the senate chamber for that purpose. By order,
WM KILTY, CLK.

The house according to the order of the day, proceeded to the consideration of the bill to tax certain officers.

On motion by Mr. W. Stewart, the following order was read: Ordered, that the bill entitled, an act to tax certain officers; be recommitted to the committee of ways and means, with instructions; to the committee to report a bill laying a tax upon original suits, letters of administration, and such other specific items as may appear to them advisable, so as to avoid the necessity of making out, at great trouble and expense, semi-annual accounts of the receipts of their respective officers, and in lieu of a percentage as contemplated by the bill; and the question was put, that the house assent to the same. Determined in the negative. On motion by Mr. Semmes, the following was added to the first section: "Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to exclude fees earned by the above named officers, before the passage of this act." On motion by Mr. Edelin, the question was put, that the words "and also a fair and accurate account of all the necessary expences and disbursements of their said offices," be inserted before Mr. Semmes amendment. Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Turbutt, the question was put, that the blank to limit the compensation to the clerk, be filled up with \$2000. Determined in the negative. Mr. Millard moved \$1600. Determined in the negative. Mr. Peter moved \$1500. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs Speaker, Leigh, Gough, Millard, Ireland, Howard, Linthecum, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Chesley, Weems, Millar, Edelen, Rogerson, Garner, Pitt, Henderson, Bryan, Kerr, Wootton, Hughes, Carroll, Hopper, Meconiken, Slemaker, Purnell, Turbutt, Kemp, Boon, Ed. Barwick, W. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington, Peter, Kilgour, Williams, W. Duvall, Sprigg, M' Mahon, M' Henry—39.

NEGATIVE—Messrs Gale, Hodges, Dalrymple, J. T. H. Worthington, Loockerman, Lloyd, Martin, Jones, Brattan, Dashiell, Willis, Hutson, Gerry, Semmes, E. B. Duvall, Clark, Moffett, Nicholson, Franklin, Riley, Fisher, Cromwell, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, Steel, Elijah Barwick, Douglass, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Bruce—32. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the blank imposing a penalty on clerks and registers neglecting to comply with the provisions of the law, was filled up with \$3000.

On motion by Mr. W. Stewart, the question was put, that the whole of the section imposing said penalty be stricken out. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Speaker, Leigh, Gough, Linthecum, Miller, Edelin, Rogerson, J. T. H. Worthington, Ely, Henderson, Carroll, Turbutt, Kemp, W. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington, Kilgour, W. Duvall, McHenry—18.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Ireland, Gale, Hodges, Howard, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Chesley, Dalrymple, Weemes, Garner, Loockerman, Lloyd, Martin, Jones, Brattan, Dashiell, Willis, Hudson, Gerry, Bryan, Kerr, Semmes, E. B. Duvall, Wootton, Clarke, Hughes, Hopper, Meconiken, Moffett, Nicholson, Riley, Fisher, Cromwell, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, Steele, Elijah Barwick, Douglass, Boon, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Williams, Bruce, Sprigg—47.

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Chesley, the question was put, that the following be added to the 8th section, viz: "And provided also, that if demanded by such clerk or register, or his or their counsel, the court shall forthwith order a jury to be impannelled to ascertain the fact of such neglect or disobedience." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Chesley the 2d section was reconsidered and the word "April" stricken out, and the words "make return on the first Monday in October next, and on the first Monday in April and October in each and every year thereafter" were inserted. The question was then put shall the said bill pass.

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Gough, Ireland, Gale, Hodges, Howard, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Dalrymple, Weems, Miller, J. T. H. Worthington, Ely, Loockerman, Lloyd, Martin, Spencer, Jones, Brattan, Dashiell, Willis, Hutson, Gerry, Bruce, Kerr, Semmes, E. B. Duvall, Wootton, Clarke, Hughes, Hopper, Moffett, Nicholson, Franklin, Purnell, Riley, Turbutt, Fisher, Kemp, Cromwell, Whiteford, Sewell, Norris, Steele, Elijah Barwick, Douglass, Boon, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, Peter, Williams, W. Duvall, Bruce, Sprigg, McMahan—55.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Leigh, Millard, Linthecum, Chesley, Edelin, Rogerson, Garner, Henderson, Carroll, Meconiken, Slemaker, Edward Barwick, W. Stewart, W. G. D. Worthington, Kilgour, McHenry—16. Resolved in the affirmative.

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

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 28, 1824.

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

The bill taxing certain officers, was sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Gales and Seaton, requesting that Mr. Charles H. Simius may be permitted to report the debates on the religious test bill.

On motion by Mr. Peter, ordered, that a suitable situation be assigned for that purpose.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from the commissioners of the new court house in Hager's town, praying for a further levy to pay the debts due for the same; referred to Messrs Merrick, Bowles and Gabby.