

and after some time returned and reported that John N. Steel, was elected. The amendment to the resolution repealing certain resolutions was read the second time and dissented from.

On motion by Mr. Merrick the following message was read, assented to and sent to the senate.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 25, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We have rejected your amendment to the resolution repealing so much of a resolution passed at November session 1785, as authorised the payment of twenty-five pounds per annum to the messenger of the executive council, and the resolution No. 56, passed at December session 1819. We return the said resolution, hoping that you will, on re-consideration, recede from your amendment. In the annual bill for the payment of the civil list, a specific sum has been given to that officer in lieu of all former allowances, including that made under the resolution first aforesaid. The resolution sent up, does not propose to discharge that officer of the duty prescribed by the resolution of 1785, but simply to repeal so much thereof as relates to the compensation, that being otherwise provided for; and we deem it necessary to repeal those resolutions, as otherwise, should the civil list bill be at any future time passed in its customary shape, a greater allowance might be drawn from the treasury by virtue of them, than might be contemplated by the legislature.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clerk.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, the following resolution was read, assented to and sent to the senate:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore pay the account of any editor of newspapers furnished the legislature during the present session, whose account may be allowed by the governor and council.

On motion by Mr. Wootton, the following resolution was read, assented to and sent to the senate:

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to John Quynn door keeper of the house of delegates, and to Andrew Slicer, messenger to the senate, the sum of sixty dollars each, for taking care of the furniture of their respective rooms, during the recess of the legislature.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following message was read, assented to and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 25, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We have received your message proposing to close the session this evening, and from a view we have taken of the business yet to be acted upon (of importance to the state,) we are confident it will not be possible for us to close the session till tomorrow.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Moffett, the following message was read, assented to and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb 25, 1824.

*Gentlemen of the Senate*—We have received your message assigning reasons for the rejection of the resolution respecting the commission of the state's agents. We apprehend the resolution has been misconceived, it never having been the intention of this house, that the "state's agents should collect and charge commission indiscriminately on any of the revenue of the state that might be paid into their hands;" and the resolution strictly confines the allowance "money due at the time of the appointment of said agents, and collected by their exertions and attention." We therefore return the said resolution, hoping that your honorable body will upon reconsideration assent to it.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clerk.

Mr. Kemp delivers the following report:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the communication of the executive (in conformity to a call of the house of delegates of the 5th inst.) relative to the quantity of wood annually purchased by order of that department since October, 1817, to that date, together with the costs of carting, cording, and packing the same, including the commissions paid to the agents by whom it was purchased; also a list of the departments of the government, and offices by whom it was used, have had the same under their consideration, and are of opinion that the house of delegates, the senate chamber, and the committee rooms, the executive chamber, the treasury office, should be supplied with fuel at the public's expense, and the auditor's office, and such times as it may be occupied by holding of the courts of appeals, and court of chancery and none others. Your committee beg leave to state that in their opinion the commission of 10 per cent. heretofore allowed for purchasing wood, &c. is too great. They therefore recommend that it be reduced to 5 per cent. which your committee think an ample allowance for the labor and trouble of purchasing, packing, cording, &c. all which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

SAML. S. HODGKIN, Clerk.

Which was read. Also the following report:

The committee appointed by the house of delegates to report upon all insolvent applications have had the case of John Berridge, of Talbot county, under their consideration, and are of opinion that his case is amply provided for under the existing laws of the state. They therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

And the following report:

The committee of claims to whom was referred the petition of Richard G. Belt, have had the same under consideration, and it appearing to your committee from the testimony before them that the said Richard G. Belt is entitled as clerk to the lottery commissioners, to the sum of eighty nine dollars for one month and two days service; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution: