

When the present agent was first appointed in February 1822, the total amount of valid debts then due to the state, from clerks and sheriffs, amounted to about thirty thousand dollars. He has collected and paid into the treasury, on account of their old debts, upwards of twenty-one thousand dollars; and of revenue due in 1822, upwards of eight thousand dollars, upon which he has not charged any commission, and as a proof that the debts are again beginning to accumulate, he need only refer to the statement A, which shews that there is now due to the state, chiefly from sheriffs, upwards of twenty-nine thousand dollars, being nearly as much as when he was first appointed. Over the debts becoming due since February 1822, it is not considered that he has any control.

The agent will with pleasure give any further information in his power to the legislature, or to the members individually, the subject is one of great importance to the people of Maryland, for although past losses cannot be retrieved, future losses may be prevented. All which is respectfully submitted.

THO KENNEDY,

State Agent, Western Shore, Md.

January 1st, 1825.

*Doubtful in part.

Mr. Jarrett presents a petition of Thomas Gorroll, of Harford county, praying a change in his name; referred to Messrs Jarrett, Hope and Norris.

Mr Gantt presents a petition from Captain James Dooley, of Anne Arundel county, praying to be paid for cartridge boxes furnished the state; referred to the committee on the militia.

Mr. Steele reports a bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Dorchester county to appoint a Daliff for the Town of Vienna, in said county; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Millard obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, An act to regulate divorces, so as to vest the power in the county courts of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Millard, Merrick, M. Mahon, Steele and King, report the same.

On motion by Mr Eccleston, Ordered, That the committee of ways and means, be and they are hereby directed to enquire into the expediency of taxing steam boats and public coaches.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Benjamin Cromwell, and Julia Ann his wife, of Baltimore county.

Mr. Tingle reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to An act declaring the assent of the legislature to the devise of lands in the will of John Postly, late of Worcester county, deceased, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Lee reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein named.

And Mr. Tingle reports a bill, entitled, An act to amend an act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments.

The bill to repeal an act relating to the removal of criminal causes in Baltimore city and county, passed at December session, 1821, chapter 244, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Arnold E. Jones, esquire, a delegate elect from Somerset county, appeared qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. Kemp obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising and requiring the levy court of Frederick county to provide a suitable room for holding the orphans court of said county, and for keeping of the records and papers of said court, passed at December session 1823, ch 20. Ordered, That Messrs Kemp, Barnes and Cromwell, report the same.

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

THURSDAY, January 6, 1825.

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

The speaker laid before the house reports from the clerks of Saint Mary's and Calvert counties, a report relative to the school funds for Cecil county, and a report from the trustees of Washington Academy, Somerset county.

Mr. Estep reports a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of real and personal property in Anne Arundel county.

Mr. Speed reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting writs of inquiry. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on Tuesday next.

Mr. Garner presents a petition from Jane Scott, of Charles county, praying for support, referred to the committee on similar petitions.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, the following order was read:

Whereas by an order adopted by the house of delegates at the present session, this house is required to sit, for the dispatch of public business, from nine o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the evening; and whereas the said order, though unanimously adopted, has nevertheless been daily violated by the adjournment of this house before the hour appointed.

Therefore, Ordered, That no motion for an adjournment before three o'clock shall prevail unless supported by two thirds of the members

And be it further Ordered, That whenever a call of the house shall hereafter be made, it shall be the duty of the clerk to note the names of the absent members, and enter them on the journal.

Mr. Jarrett moved to strike out the first order? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Lee moved to strike out the second? When Mr. Steele moved a reference indefinitely? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Dennis presents a petition from Thomas Humphreys, praying for the sale of a lot of ground in the town of Salisbury, the property of a minor, for the benefit of said minor; referred to Messrs. Dennis, King and Jones.

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