

ask, whether a stay put on a case in which property is taken under a fieri facias, is not a countermand of the execution, and whether the debt is not legally lost, or at least, whether the sheriff, and his securities, to whom the writ went, are not discharged from responsibility on that account. The agent submits herewith the paper marked A, containing an account of the monies due the state on this shore, including interest to the first day of January 1826, and opposite the name of each debtor, he has given his proceedings, and made such remarks and explanations as he thought necessary.

He also reports, that he has received, since his last annual report, the sum of three thousand six hundred and seventy dollars and thirty-three cents, of the debts outstanding in 1822, as pr. account marked B. will appear. That out of this sum, he has paid into the treasury three thousand three hundred and twenty-three dollars, and thirty-two cents, and has retained for his commissions, three hundred and forty seven dollars and thirty-three cents. There are some cases not reported by the agent, because there is no prospect of ever getting one cent from them; and there are some others, for Indian lands in Dorchester, which are under the control of an agent specially appointed for that purpose. It will be seen, by the list of debtors; that the present clerks and sheriffs have been remarkably punctual in the payment of their accounts.

The agent, before he closes this report, begs leave to suggest; that by the law of the last session, he is not entitled to the commission forfeited by delinquents; unless he issues process against the parties. He considers this to be a hardship, as sometimes he has considerable trouble in pressing the settlement of an account, and is entitled to no other compensation for his trouble, than the small salary given him, to ride twice in a year between four and five hundred miles. It will be seen that many of the old debts have been settled; and there is not a prospect of his realizing much from the claims outstanding in 1822. He hopes, when the legislature take into view the nature of the services required of him, and the distance which he has to travel in traversing the whole eastern shore, that some additional compensation will be given to make his salary more equal to that of the western shore agent. He is of the opinion, that both salaries are too low, for in order to attend to the public interests properly, the agents have to make more visits to many of the counties than the law requires, which increases both their labour and expense. All which is respectfully submitted.

P. B. Hopper, Agent for E. Shore.

Dec. 26, 1825.

The clerk of the senate returns the resolutions relative to the death of the late treasurer, endorsed "unanimously assented to." The resolution relative to the correction of a patent, endorsed "assented to."

Also the bill to ascertain the salary of the council, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to authorise Elizabeth Abrams, of Cecil county, to record a deed, endorsed "will not pass."

The bill to limit the operation and effect of mortgage, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read.

Also a letter from John N. Steele, esq. notifying his acceptance of the appointment of a member of the council to the governor.

The house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill relative to limited partnerships.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the residue of the 7th section was stricken out, and the following inserted.

"And in case the same shall be neglected on the said affidavit such special partner shall be liable to all the engagements of such partnership, as general partners.