

Ordered, That the sheriffs and collectors of the several counties in the state, report forthwith to this house, the amount of fees put into their hands for collection, by the clerks of the courts of appeals for the eastern and western shores, the clerks of the county courts, registers of wills, and register in chancery, for the years 1825 and 1826.

Which having been twice read, Mr. Done moved to amend the same by adding thereto the following: "And that they also report the amount of deductions from said fees for commissions and insolvencies in those years." The amendment offered having been accepted by the mover of the order, the question was then put on the adoption thereof as amended, and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Chapman also submitted the following order; which was read and laid on the table.

Ordered, That the clerks of the county courts, registers of wills, registers in chancery, and clerks of the courts of appeals for the eastern and western shores, report forthwith to this house, upon oath, the amount of fees and emoluments which may have accrued, and also which have been received by themselves or by any other person or persons for their use, for the years 1824, 1825 and 1826.

Mr. Peach offered the following order; which was read and laid on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of ways and means report to this house, whether it is not just as well as expedient that the sheriffs and collectors be allowed a compensation for making their reports in pursuance of an order the house this day passed, imposing a new duty upon them.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 5, 1827.

The house met. Were present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Lansdale, who had obtained leave of absence. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Stephen Reyner, Esquire, a delegate returned as duly elected for Talbot county, appeared, was qualified in the manner and form prescribed by the constitution and laws of this state, and took his seat as a member of the house of delegates.

In consequence of the continued illness of John Brewer, Esquire, the chief clerk of this house, and his inability to discharge the duties of his office, at this time, as announced from the chair, the house proceeded to the election of a chief clerk pro tempore; when Gideon Pearce, the assistant clerk, was unanimously elected chief clerk of the house of delegates pro tempore. Ordered, That he be qualified as such, in the manner and form prescribed by the constitution and laws of this state.

Mr. Peach then moved that the house do now proceed to the choice of an assistant clerk pro tempore, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the election of Mr. Pearce to the office of chief clerk pro tempore.