

Mr. Ridgely delivered the following report; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Stallings, and others, securities of Thomas Pollard, former sheriff of Allegany county, praying to be released from the debt due the state by said Pollard, have had the same under consideration, and it appears to your committee that said Pollard gave up his property for the benefit of his securities, and that on a sale of the said property taking place, Roger Perry, esq. then attorney to the state, became a purchaser to a large amount, and that a considerable sum due by said Perry was suffered to remain in his hands for the discharge of the debt due the state by said Pollard and from reference being had to the votes and proceedings of December session 1824, it appears that on the 28th day of January, the house of delegates passed a resolution to release the securities as prayed for; it also appears that on the 9th day of February the senate rejected the same in consequence of not having sufficient evidence before them, your committee therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution,

Resolved, That all further proceedings on the part of the state against the securities of Thomas Pollard, former sheriff of Allegany county, be and the same are hereby directed to be suspended, and the amount of the state claim against said securities is hereby declared to be released and discharged, provided the said securities shall pay all the costs which the state may have incurred in the prosecution of claims against the said Thomas Pollard, or any of his securities.

By order,

G. A. Farquhar, Com. Clk.

Mr. Banning asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled, An act relative to the duties of the trustees of the poor for the several counties therein mentioned; whereupon Messrs. Banning, Stevens, Sappington, Hall and Done, were appointed a committee to prepare said bill.

The report of the committee on the petition of Benjamin Tomlinson, of Allegany county, a member of the late electoral college, praying a reimbursement of extraordinary expenses incurred in consequence of sickness whilst engaged in the discharge of his duties as such, made on the third instant, was read a second time and concurred with; the resolution therein contained was also assented to, and sent to the senate for its concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Banning, the order submitted by him on the 8th instant, directing a reference to the committee on grievances and courts of justice, of the copies and abstracts of the levy lists returned to this house by the clerks of the different counties of this state, was taken into consideration, amended by substituting the committee on ways and means, instead of the committee therein named, and adopted as amended.

The report of the standing committee on divorces, unfavorable to the application of John Adam Finger, of Frederick county, made on the fourth instant, was read a second time and concurred in.