

appointing a suitable person, with a small salary, to take care of the public grounds, and other property, and to keep them in suitable order.

Under Resolution no 66 of the last annual Session, we have caused to be transcribed the original Journal of proceedings of the Council of Safety for the years 1774 & 1775, and the original Journal of the Convention of 1775, and the correspondence and other papers connected with these interesting bodies, and periods in our history. By an inspection of his transcript, the reader will find that numerous and highly valuable and interesting papers have been thus rescued from oblivion. We have not been able to give but a cursory examination to the numerous other papers recently brought to light. It will remain for the Executive, hereafter to determine, upon a fuller examination of them, what portion, if any, ought to be transcribed, to carry out the views of the Legislature, as expressed in the Resolution on that subject.

The various other Resolutions passed at the last Session of the General Assembly, and which we were directed to carry into effect, have received a portion of our attention, and the most of them, we are pleased to announce, have been satisfactorily executed.

A communication from Robert Lemmon Esquire, one of the Justices within the City of Baltimore, under the authority of the State, was received by us on the 23^d day of July last, stating that a suit had been instituted against him by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, for the recovery of a fine of \$500 for not complying with their ordinance then recently passed, for the regulation of sales by auction, and calling on us (as the measure was an attack both on the Law and revenue of the State) to direct our law Officer to resist it at the States cost? This request appearing to us reasonable and proper, we directed the Clerk of the Council to apprise Mr Lemmon that it would be complied with, and by our direction the letter of which the document marked No 10 is a copy, was addressed to the Attorney General.

We have not received an official copy of the ordinance of the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, regulating sales by auction, referred to in the letter of Mr Lemmon, nor any other evidence of their proceedings under it. But we have reason to believe that, in addition to the prosecution of Auctioneers for selling under the authority of the State, that the Mayor and City Council have licensed Auctioneers, who are selling under their authority in violation of the Law of the State.

We have deemed it our duty to submit this subject to your consideration, with the view to such further Legislation as you may deem necessary, for preserving the revenue arising from this source, and for maintaining the State Law.

We transmit herewith some claims for militia services in Cecil County, which not being authorized under existing Laws to settle, we submit for your consideration.

Since the last Session of the General Assembly, we have received
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