

directed the Attorney General to institute criminal prosecutions either in ~~the~~ ~~case~~ ~~of~~ ~~any~~ ~~person~~ ~~or~~ ~~persons~~ charged with wilfully obstructing the navigation of the river Susquehanna, by making a Wharfe or erecting any other nuisance on the same; and they employed under the authority given by the said resolution, William Hayward Junr Esquire, of Talbot County to aid in conducting them.

The Act relating to the payment of pensions by the State, and the further supplement to the Act regulating the inspection of tobacco, were published as directed by the General Assembly. Considering it desirable that the Citizens of the State should have an opportunity, in all instances where it is practicable, of informing themselves of the provisions of the laws more speedily and generally than they could do by a reference to the statute Book, we directed the Act authorizing the appointment of an Agent or Agents together with the one in aid of the revenue of this state, to be published in as many newspapers as was supposed would be sufficient for the purposes desired.

At December Session, eighteen hundred and seventeen, a resolution was passed directing the Executive to dispose of, for the benefit of the State, Chancellor Hutton's compilation of British Statutes; several ineffectual attempts were made by the Executive to comply with the provisions of this resolution; but finding they could not be sold otherwise than by retail, without incurring a great sacrifice, we passed an order empowering Mr George Shaw of this city to sell the same, who has disposed of a few copies, and will proceed in disposing of the residue as fast as opportunities of doing so shall occur.

The Commissioners appointed on the part of this state to examine, in conjunction with the Commissioners appointed on the part of the Commonwealth of Virginia, into the practicability of rendering more navigable the river Potomac and its branches, have not yet been able to effect the object of their appointment, in consequence, as we learn, of indisposition, but will proceed to the accomplishment of it as soon as circumstances will permit.

We have received from the Banks of this state (except the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, Commercial and Farmers Bank, Bank of Maryland, and the Hagerstown Bank) a signature of their agreement to the terms proposed by the Legislature at their last Session for the purchase