

abatement therein as they may think just, and their determination shall be entered in a book to be kept for entering and recording their proceedings, and shall be certified by the clerk to the commissioners, who shall conform to the determination of the said court, and the party shall be so far concluded by such determination, that he shall pay the present year's assessment according to the same; but if the party appealing as aforesaid, shall apprehend himself aggrieved by the determination of the court of appeals, he may, within ten days after the same is given, appeal to the governor and the council, who are empowered to hear such appeal, and to give final judgment and determination on the same, and their judgment when given, to certify to the commissioners of the county, from which the appeal shall be made; and if the governor and council shall make any abatement from the valuation established by the court of appeals aforesaid, such abatement shall be made by the commissioners in their next year's valuation, and the land shall afterwards be rated at its value, upon such abatement being made; and the commissioners shall allow the party the sum paid in the present year's tax upon the value abated as aforesaid, in the next year's assessment, which shall be apportioned upon the other lands in the county, or property in Baltimore-town and its precincts, as the case may be; and the governor and council shall have full power and authority to summon and call before them all witnesses and persons which they may think proper, to give information upon the subject of their inquiry, and also to take all such means for their full and perfect information upon the subject, as they may think reasonable, and witnesses attending the court of appeals in the county, in consequence of summon for them, shall be allowed five shillings per day for every day's attendance; and witnesses attending the governor and council, in consequence of summon from them on request of the party appealing, shall be allowed ten shillings per day for every day's attendance; and itinerant judges shall be allowed fifteen shillings per day for every day's attendance in the execution of his trust; and the clerk of the court of appeals aforesaid shall be allowed such sum for his services, not exceeding ten pounds current money, as the said court shall determine to be just; for which allowances to the judges and clerk of the court of appeals, the commissioners shall give an order on the collector, and the same shall be by him paid out of the money levied in the county, and the party appealing, either to the court of appeals, or governor and council aforesaid, shall pay the witnesses, and also all the costs attending his appeal.

“ And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the respective counties, and of Baltimore-town and its precincts, shall on or before the first day of September next, make out a fair and correct account of the property by them respectively ascertained and valued, as by this act is directed, and the same shall sign and enclose in a cover, directed to the clerk of the house of delegates, and shall within five days thereafter, under a penalty of five pounds on each commissioner, deliver the same, endorsed on public service, to the sheriff of their county, to be by him forwarded as public letters; and also the commissioners, within the time aforesaid, under the like penalty, shall deliver a copy of such account to the clerk of his county, to be by him recorded; and the clerk of the house of delegates shall enter the said summary account in a book to be provided for that purpose, and keep the original in his office, and on the second day of the next meeting of the general assembly, he shall lay the same before the house of delegates for the inspection of the members.”

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, February 21, 1786.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday, except Edward Lloyd, Esq; The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the value of the land in the several counties of this state for the purpose of laying the public assessment, was sent to the house of delegates by John Henry, Esq;

Mr. Jones, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the widows of such officers of this state who died in the continental service, endorsed; “ By the house of delegates, February 21, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie “ on the table.

“ By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

“ By the house of delegates, February 21, 1786: Read the second time by especial order and “ will pass.

“ By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.”

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, FEBRUARY 21, 1786.

RESOLVED, That Samuel Chase, Samuel Hughes, Peregrine Lethbury, William Smith, (Baltimore-town) and William Hemsley, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, commissioners for this state, to meet commissioners from the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, for the purpose of considering and digesting the most proper measures for improving the inland navigation of the river Susquehanna, and the waters communicating with it, and for effecting a navigable communication between the bays of Chesapeake and Delaware, and also to confer on any other subject which may tend to promote the commerce and mutual convenience of the said states;