

The resolution for printing the militia laws, endorsed, dissented from. The bill entitled, an act to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government, endorsed, "will not pass." And the following message.

BY THE SENATE, February 1, 1815.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

We have received the bill passed by your house entitled, an act to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government. This bill has not received the concurrence of the senate because they are of opinion that the additional duties imposed upon the printer to the state by the resolution of November session eighteen hundred and eleven, have rendered his present salary an inadequate compensation for the additional services he is bound to perform, and the further expenses he must inevitably incur in complying with the requisitions of said resolution.

By a resolution passed at November session 1812, the governor and council in the recess of the general assembly, were authorised to adjust the claims of Jehu Chandler, and allow him such sum as they might in justice believe him entitled to receive for any services he might be compelled to perform or any expenses he might incur beyond the ordinary services performed, or expenses incurred by his predecessor, in the discharge of his official duties as printer to the state, and the governor and council were authorised to draw on the treasurer of the Western Shore for such sum as they might award to said Chandler in consideration of such additional services and expenses, so as aforesaid to be performed and incurred. In virtue of this authority delegated to the executive to liquidate the claim of the printer to the state to such additional compensation as they might believe him in justice entitled to receive for printing the laws and resolutions and votes and proceedings conformably to the resolution, number sixty-four of November session 1811, they, upon full and mature deliberation, awarded and determined that he was entitled to receive in addition to his salary fixed by law, the further sum of two hundred and forty-three dollars.

This resolution was temporary in its operation and is now no longer in force; it is however an unequivocal expression of the opinion of the executive acting in this instance as the referees of the legislature, that upon the principles of justice the printer to the state was then and of course he now is entitled to receive the sum of two hundred and forty-three dollars, in addition to his salary as permanently fixed by law for the discharge of those additional duties which the resolution of 1811, compels him to perform.

The senate also perceive that the salary of the clerk to the council has been increased, which they presume has been done with a view to compensate him for the performance of those extraordinary services growing out of the war in which we are engaged. It is moreover to be recollected that the labor and expenses of the printer to the state have been considerably augmented by the great increase of justices of the peace, for each of whom a copy of the laws and votes and proceedings must be printed.

Taking therefore the preamble of the act as their guide, that "those who dedicate their time, abilities and labor to the public ought to receive a reasonable and adequate compensation for their service," the senate cannot consistently, with their view of what the claims of justice require, pass the bill with its present provisions.

As, however, they are constitutionally prohibited from proposing any amendments, they have returned the bill to your honorable body, with the hope that you will reconsider the same, and make such further compensation to the printer to the state for the additional services required to be performed, and expenses unavoidably to be incurred as the nature of the case may require.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

Which was read.

Also the bill entitled, an act for the aid of the library company of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the several free schools in the city and precincts of Baltimore. The bill entitled, an act supplementary to an act entitled, an act to open a road in Queen Ann's county. The bill entitled, an act for the preservation of deer in Baltimore county, and the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Robert Teeling, of Worcester county, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments." Which amendments were read.

On motion by Mr. J. Thomas, the following resolution was read, assented to and sent to the senate. Whereas the journal of accounts was ordered to be closed up to Sunday last, and the business of the state has required the attendance of the members longer than was expected.

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the W. Shore be, and he is hereby required to pay to each member of the legislature attending in discharge of his legislative duties on this day, six days allowance in addition to what was allowed on the journal of accounts, and also six days allowance to the officers of each house.

And, whereas from the severe frost and inclemency of the weather, the members from the Eastern Shore and some of the officers of both houses, will be compelled to go around the head of the bay in order to attain their respective places of abode,

*Resolved*, That the treasurer of the Western Shore pay to each member of the legislature from the Eastern Shore, attending in discharge of his legislative duties, the following itinerant charges, in addition to those allowed on the journal of accounts, to wit: To the members from Cecil now attending, three days itinerant charges; to the members from Kent six days itinerant charges; to the members from Queen Ann's seven days itinerant charges; to the members from Caroline eight days itinerant charges; to the members from Talbot eight days itinerant charges; to the members from Dorchester nine days itinerant charges; to the members from Somerset eleven days itinerant charges; to the members from Worcester eleven days itinerant charges; and to each officer of both houses from the Eastern Shore the same number of days itinerant charges that are allowed to the members of the county in which they respectively reside.