

thorised and required, if it shall appear to them that the records of the said court or any part thereof remain unrecorded by William H. Nicholson, late Register of said court, to order and direct that the administratrix of the said William H. Nicholson proceed by a certain specified time to complete the said records by recording all papers and proceedings, which by law the said Nicholson was bound and obliged to do; and should the administratrix of the said William H. Nicholson neglect or refuse to commence the recording the said papers and proceedings by the time directed by the judges of the said court, or not complete the recording the said papers and proceedings by the time to be ascertained and fixed by the judges, then the said judges shall contract with the Register of the said court, or any other person for completing the said Records by recording all papers and proceedings required by law to be recorded, and to allow such Register or other persons such reasonable compensation therefor as they may deem adequate; and the said judges shall specify the allowance to be made for finishing and completing the records of the said orphans' court, which said allowance on the certificate of the said judges, shall be paid to the Register, or such other person employed as aforesaid, and the said judges shall notify the neglect and refusal of the said administratrix to the attorney General, who shall thereupon immediately institute suits upon the bond, executed by the said William H. Nicholson as Register of the said orphans' court, and against the administratrix of the said William H. Nicholson to compel the payment of the said sum of money so to be allowed by the said judges to the said Register, or other person, which said sum, when recovered shall be paid to the Register or other person for finishing and completing the said records.

By order,

W. K. LAMB DIN, Clk.

Which was read,

Mr. Lloyd from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the order of the house of delegates of the 1st inst. on the subject of the deficiency of state funds appearing in the report of the committee of claims, and also the amount of the loans made by the treasurer of the Western Shore under the resolution of May session 1813, which fall due in the year 1816, respectfully report, that on examination of the report made by the committee of claims, the following appropriations remain in the treasury; which under the existing resolutions would be disbursed, viz: \$ 6,889 96, appropriated by a resolution of June session 1812, for the equipment of the quota of militia; \$ 28,167 84, appropriated by a resolution of May session 1813, for the purchase of arms and military stores, and the sum of \$ 15,000, appropriated by an act of November session 1808, for the purchase of arms and accoutrements, making the aggregate of \$ 50,057 80. — This sum in the opinion of your committee may be safely withdrawn from the above objects, in as much as the situation of our country at this moment requires no increase of arms and accoutrements, and as no contracts have been made under the above resolutions which have not been fulfilled; a balance of \$ 7,108 77, still appears deficient from the report of the committee of claims, after deducting the above aggregate of 50,057 80, but it is presumed by your committee that the receipts of the treasury since the first of November 1815, will be sufficient to meet this balance.

On an examination of the terms of loans made by the treasurer of the Western Shore, under the resolution of May session 1813, it appears that the sum of \$ 215,000, becomes payable in 1816; but on an application of the treasurer (at the instance of your committee) to the different banks, from whom this sum was loaned, it is ascertained that they all have agreed to extend their accommodation to the first of July 1817. This subject therefore in the opinion of your committee requires no Legislative provision at this session; but to carry the views of your committee into effect, as it respects the first subject of inquiry referred to them, they respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the resolution of June session 1812, for the equipment of the quota of militia; the resolution of May session 1813, for the purchase of arms and military stores, and the act of November session 1808, for the purchase of arms and accoutrements, be, and the same are hereby rescinded and repealed, and that the sum remaining in the treasury subject to the orders of the executive, under the provisions of the above resolutions, be, and the same is hereby applied to the payment of the current expenses of the state.

By order,

J. GODDARD, Clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of John Sprigg Belt, was read the second time, concurred in, the resolution therein contained assented to and sent to the senate.

Mr. Stoddert moved the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 20, 1816.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We have had occasion, from our regard to the best interest of the state to communicate at several times with you, on the subject of an election of a senator in the congress of the United States. On the 12th of December last our first message was sent,—this was suffered to sleep on your table until the 10th inst. notwithstanding the manifest injury to the public, from the want of a full representation in that important branch of the general government.

After the lapse of nearly a month, during which interval the discussion of the treaty between the United States and the king of Great Britain, and other important questions, in which our state, in common with its sister states had a deep concern, were passing through Congress, you were pleased to return a message proposing to go into the election, to which this house could not, in duty to the freemen of Maryland, their constituents accede; as your body selected a moment when several members were absent through severe illness, the effect of which would have been to defeat the expression of the public voice at the late election. Since which we have urged you by several messages to proceed to the discharge of this momentous duty. We again beg leave to call your attention to this subject, and solicit your house no longer to deny to the people of Maryland the privilege and benefit of a full representation in the senate of the United States.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time and the question put that the house adopt the same. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

*Affirmative*—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Scott, Neale, Causin, Boyer, Tighman, Brown, Gray, Graham, Ireland, Reynolds, Stonestreet, Stoddert, Bayly, Dennis, J. C. Wilson, Hart, Pitt, Griffith, Lecompt, A. D. Mitchell, Davidson, Somerville, Beall, Calvert Van Horn, E. K. Wilson, Quinton,