

governor and council are authorised and empowered to contract in the name of the state, with some person or persons, of integrity, understanding and other proper qualifications to discharge the labor and duties mentioned in said resolutions; And whereas from the import and meaning of the said two recited resolutions, the person or persons employed by the governor and council will have authority to take such papers as may be directed to be recorded out of the chancery office, for the purpose of recording them, by which means some of them may be lost or destroyed.

And whereas, there is no provision in said resolution, requiring bond or other security from the person or persons with whom the governor and council shall contract for recording the said papers for the safe keeping and return to the chancery office of said papers, in case they are taken out of the said office to be recorded. Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That nothing in the said two recited resolutions shall be construed to authorise the said person or persons employed by the governor and council to record said papers, to take or remove the said papers from the chancery office, and all such parts of said resolutions as are inconsistent with this resolution, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Resolved further, that the register in chancery, be, and he is hereby directed to superintend the making out of the said records; and the governor and council are hereby authorised and empowered to allow him such compensation for his services as they may think just and reasonable:

Mr. Quinton offered the following amendment, viz—

Resolved that the foregoing resolution shall not in any manner impair any contract made by the executive, with the several persons employed to do the work.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Scott offered the following resolution as a substitute for that offered by Mr. Bowie, which was read and laid on the table.

Resolved, That the register in chancery, be and he is hereby authorised and required, before he delivers to the governor and council or to their order, any paper or papers being records, or parts of records or office papers in his custody, which by resolutions of the present general assembly, the executive may be authorised to withdraw from his custody, to demand and receive a receipt which sufficiently identify the said several papers and the cause or causes to which they relate, and the said receipt shall be sufficient in every case to discharge him from all responsibility on account of the safety or preservation of said papers, until the same shall have been returned to his charge and