

of the people, and that salaries liberal, but not profuse, ought to be secured to the chancellor and the judges during the continuance of their commission. The committee are also of opinion, that the important and arduous duties of the chancellor, which oblige him to reside constantly at the seat of government, and the continual and unremitting attention which is necessary to the business of the office, which has greatly increased, justify and require an increase of his salary; the committee are of opinion, that his salary, as chancellor, should be increased to the sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds, and, as judge of the land-office, to the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds current money per annum, so that, for all services and duties required of him, he shall be entitled to the sum of one thousand pounds current money per annum; that a small and equal tax on business transacted in the office, as proposed by the chancellor, will be, in the opinion of the committee, the natural, most easy and least burthenfome fund, for the payment of the salary, and, in case this shall be insufficient, that other funds be provided to make up the deficiency; that leave be given to bring in a bill for establishing and securing the salary of the chancellor.

By order,

J. WILMER, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to the collection of taxes and county charges in certain cases. ORDERED, That Mr. Duvall, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to continue an act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, and the supplement thereto? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Thomas,	M'Pherson,	Gough,	Hollingsworth,	Dorsey,	O'Donnell,
	Plowden,	Hawkins,	Kerr,	Oldham,	Sappington,	M'Meichen,
	Plater,	Campbell,	Dashiell,	Sprigg,	Nelson,	Jacques,
	Brogden,	Cockey,	Denwood,	Contee,	Jarrett,	Johnion.
	Grahame,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Goldborough,	Duvall,	Amos,	29.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Ford,	Brooke,	Townsend,	Hughlett,	Ott,	Oneale,
	Harwood,	Sherwood,	Dennis,	Driver,	Swearingen,	Bayard,
	Mackall,	Cox,	Corbin,	Douglafs,	Cromwell,	Tomlinson.
	Freeland,	Eccleston,	Beatty,			21.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Campbell, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Sprigg, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying an act to empower Baltimore county court to repair the public roads at the expence of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as prevent an affirmant from having equal privileges with other citizens who take an oath, except in criminal cases that are capital? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Gough, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Wilmer,	Campbell,	Denwood,	Ewing,	Sappington,	Jarrett,
	Tilghman,	Cockey,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Sprigg,	Nelson,	Jacques,
	Mackall,	Gough,	Hollingsworth,	Contee,	Prall,	Wootton,
	Freeland,	Cox,	Oldham,	Beatty,	Amos,	Johnion.
	Grahame,	Dashiell,	Forman,	Dorsey,	M'Meichen,	29.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Thomas,	J. Worthington,	Jones,	Townsend,	Driver,	Cromwell,
	Ford,	Brogden,	Frazier,	Dennis,	Douglafs,	Crabb,
	Plowden,	Brooke,	Goldborough,	Purnell,	Loeckerman,	Threlkeld,
	Plater,	M'Pherson,	O'Bryon,	Corbin,	Ott,	Bayard,
	Harwood,	Sherwood,	Barnes,	Hughlett,	Swearingen,	Tomlinson.
	N. Worthington,	Kerr,	Hutchings,			33.

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Sappington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Beckwith, of Washington county, praying the benefit of an act of insolvency, have taken the same into consideration, and find that no notice has been given of his intention to apply for the relief prayed for; the committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted. All which is submitted to this honourable house.

By order,

C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

On the second reading the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment to the said bill? "Provided, that no person who has been guilty of a breach of the laws, and hath been fined, or is liable to be fined, for such breach, shall be released from the payment of any fine incurred or to be incurred for any breach of the laws of this state." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Nelson, appeared as follow:

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