

general alphabet made of the records in the land-office for the western shore, which are not taken in the general alphabet made by the late register of the said office, and submit the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the register of the land-office be and he is hereby requested and empowered to make out a general alphabet of all the records in the said office, which are not included and contained in the general alphabet made out by the late register of the said land-office, for performing of which service the said register shall be allowed at the same rate as the late register of the said office was allowed for making out the general alphabet by him completed.

RESOLVED, That the register of the said land-office shall be authorised to lay before the auditor of the state his account for his service for the performance of the said work, from time to time as it shall progress, and if passed by the auditor, the treasurer of the western shore shall be and is hereby authorised to pay, out of any unappropriated money, the amount of the said account.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the navigation of the river Susquehanna; which was read the first and second time by a special order and passed.

Mr. Shaaff, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Williams, of the city of Annapolis, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that he ought to be relieved, and submit the following resolution:

Whereas the contract entered into between the state, by its agent Randolph Brandt Latimer, of the one part, and James Williams and Uriah Forrest, of the other part, hath been vacated by a decree of the court of chancery, passed on the eighth day of January, eighteen hundred and five, in a cause wherein the said James Williams, Uriah Forrest and Benjamin Stoddert, were complainants, and the state of Maryland, or Luther Martin, the attorney-general, defendants, and the bonds given for the purchase money ordered by the authority of the said court to be delivered up: And whereas a certain sum hath been paid into the treasury under the said contract: And whereas the aforesaid Uriah Forrest hath passed his bond to the state of Maryland, dated on the twenty-seventh day of August, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, conditioned for the payment of the sum of six hundred and thirteen pounds seven shillings and six-pence current money, and the said James Williams and John Guyer have passed their bonds to the said state, dated on or about the first day of June, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, conditioned for the payment of eight hundred and thirty-four pounds twelve shillings and six-pence current money, and the said petitioner being willing that the aforesaid money, so paid into the treasury under the contract aforesaid, should, in the first place, be applied to the discharge of the said two last mentioned bonds, as of the time on which the money was paid into the treasury, and it being a matter of judicial cognizance, whether any and what sum the state ought to refund to the petitioner, or the other parties to the contract herein first before stated; therefore RESOLVED, That the court of chancery determine in the case aforesaid according to the principles of equity, whether any and what sum is to be refunded to the complainants, or any of them; and if the said court shall determine that any money shall be refunded by the state, then the same shall be applied, in the first place, to the payment of the bond given by Uriah Forrest as aforesaid, secondly, in the payment of the bond given by James Williams and John Guyer as aforesaid, as of such times respectively as the said court shall decree, and the balance, if any, to be paid to the said complainants, or such of them as the said court shall decree; and the treasurer of the western shore shall, (if it should be so decreed,) deliver to the parties respectively their bond aforesaid, and pay such sum of money as shall be decreed by the court of chancery.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

On the second reading of the report on the memorial of Thomas Herty, the question was put, Will the house refer the further consideration of this report to the next session of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

The following resolution being propounded to the house was read.

RESOLVED, That the clerk of the senate receive — dollars, the clerk of the house of delegates — dollars, the assistant clerk of the house of delegates — dollars, the printer to the state — dollars, the messenger to the council — dollars, in addition to their respective salaries for the ensuing year, and that the treasurer pay the said several sums out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims allow to John Trueman, door-keeper to the house of delegates, the sum of sixty dollars, for taking care of the chamber and furniture belonging to this house, during the recess of the legislature.

On the second reading of the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, the question was put, That the blank in the following clause of the said bill be filled up with the words "twenty-four?" to wit: "Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland, that the sheriffs of the several counties of this state shall be entitled to receive the following fee for the service herein after specified, and no more: For keeping a prisoner in gaol, and finding him in victuals, per day, — pounds of tobacco." Determined in the negative.