

of the said office, that under the said contract the following records have been transcribed, viz. Liber L. L. No. 4, containing records of laws from the year 1711 to 1733, and Liber E. J. No. 9, containing records of deeds, &c. from the year 1749 to 1756; that the records of judgments and court proceedings from the year 1765 to 1779 have been completed so far as they could be done, owing to the loss of papers; that general alphabets of records of judgments and court proceedings from the year 1658 to 1779, and of deeds, &c. from the year 1658 to 1806, have been made, but some of the said alphabets of deeds appear in some instances to be in the names of the grantees only, others in the names of the grantors only, and none of them in the names of the lands, or of the defendants in cases of judgments, except in some cases of common recoveries; that all the papers in the office previous to the year 1779 have been separated, assorted and arranged, in proper bundles, in alphabetical order.

It does not appear to the committee that any new alphabets have been made to any of the old records, nor that any of the said records have been bound, but that there are a number of them which require new binding, others are so obliterated as to want transcribing in part, and others are defective in not having been fully completed, of which a particular description follows. Among the records which require new binding are the following: Liber W. B. C. No. 1, containing records of deeds, &c. from the year 1676 to 1699; Liber T. L. No. 2, containing the same from the year 1699 to 1707; Liber P. L. No. 3, containing the same from the year 1707 to 1709; Liber T. P. No. 4, containing the same from the year 1709 to 1719; Liber P. L. No. 5, containing the same from the year 1719 to 1723; Liber P. L. No. 6, containing the same from the year 1724 to 1731; Liber P. L. No. 8, containing the same from the year 1731 to 1737; Liber E. J. No. 3, containing the same from the year 1737 to 1744; Liber B. T. No. 1, containing the same from the year 1756 to 1759; Liber B. T. No. 4, containing the same from the year 1759 to 1762; Liber D. D. No. 2, containing the same from the year 1762 to 1763; Liber D. D. No. 4, containing the same from the year 1765 to 1770; Liber S. containing records of deeds, judgments and court proceedings, from the year 1658 to 1662; Liber B. B. containing the same from the year 1663 to 1665; Liber F. F. containing the same from the year 1665 to 1669; Liber J. J. containing the same from the year 1669 to 1672; Liber T. L. No. 2, containing records of judgments and court proceedings in the year 1696; Liber H. W. No. 3, containing the same in the year 1697; Liber W. T. No. 3, containing the same from the year 1699 to 1701; Liber W. T. No. 4, containing the same in the year 1702; Liber E. J. No. 10, containing the same from the year 1745 to 1748, and a book containing commissions from the year 1726 to 1786. Among the records which require transcribing in part are the following: Liber T. L. No. 3, containing records of judgments and court proceedings from the year 1703 to 1705; Liber W. G. No. 1, containing the same from the year 1719 to 1722, and among the records containing judgments and court proceedings which have been recorded in part, omitting the judgments of the court in a number of cases, and which require to be completed, are the following: Liber G. S. No. 1, containing records in the year 1755; Liber B. T. No. 1, containing records in the year 1756; Liber B. T. 2d. No. 1, containing records in the year 1756; Liber B. T. No. 2, containing records in the year 1757; Liber B. T. No. 3, containing records from the year 1757 to 1759; Liber B. T. No. 5, containing records from the year 1759 to 1760; Liber D. D. No. 2, containing records from the year 1761 to 1762; Liber D. D. No. 3, containing records from the year 1762 to 1763; Liber D. D. No. 5, containing records from the year 1762 to 1764; Liber D. D. No. 6, containing records in the year 1764, and Liber D. D. No. 7, containing records from the year 1764 to 1765; that proper indexes are wanting to the records containing the laws prior to the year 1785; that the papers during the clerkship of Thomas Brooke Hodgkin, Esquire, from the year 1779 to 1788, are not in very good order; the land and law records are made up, but the judgments and court proceedings from the year 1782 to 1788 are not recorded; that the records and papers during the clerkship of John Gwinn, Esquire, from the year 1788 to 1806, are in good order; the land and law records are made up, but the judgments and court proceedings for a part of each of the years from the year 1790 to the abolition of the said court are not recorded; that of the records and papers of the late court of appeals, the latter, since the revolution, are in good order, but the former are only in part recorded.

Upon the foregoing state of facts the committee recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorised and empowered to contract with the clerk of the court of appeals for the western shore, to transcribe such of the records belonging to the office of the said court as are defaced, to complete the said records from the year 1735 to 1765, where they have been in part recorded, to complete the records which remain unfinished from the year 1765 to the appointment of Mr. Hodgkin, to make the necessary alphabets where there are none, and new alphabets where they are not complete, or which may be deemed necessary, to have all the said records well bound with good strong linen, and well secured in cases, and also for the binding of the said records where necessary, and that the governor and council pay the said clerk, and defray all expenses which may accrue in the work, by draughts on the treasury, to be paid out of any monies unappropriated.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. WINCHESTER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the convention of the protestant episcopal church, in Maryland; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following resolution was read.