

pounded, Shall the said bill pass, as amended? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the remaining orders of the day were then postponed, for the purpose of allowing the speaker an opportunity of announcing to the house a message received from the executive department, by the clerk thereof.

The following communication, with the accompanying documents therein mentioned, was read; and, on motion by Mr. Mahon, ordered to lie on the table, viz.

Executive Department, Annapolis, March 4, 1828.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

In compliance with your order of this day, requesting the Governor and Council to report to you forthwith, all their proceedings under the resolution of 1825, not heretofore furnished, authorising the recording of the unrecorded chancery papers; and also the cost of paper and stationery for completing said records, for whom, and by whom purchased, and what commission, if any was allowed on said purchase, and also whether the contracts entered into with them for recording the chancery papers, under the resolution of 1825, extended to all the unrecorded papers in the office of said court, or only to those which related to, or affected, the title to real property, and are required to be recorded under the 5th section of the act of 1817, chapter 119; and also whether any contract to record the whole of said papers for a gross sum was offered to them, and, if so, what were the terms of said contract, and by whom was the same offered,—we have the honour to send you, herewith, copies of the resolutions, under which the executive were required to have the said papers recorded, and of two communications from the register in chancery, proposing to do the work, and of all the entries on our proceedings relative thereto. The stationery for the work was purchased by Mr. Thompson, our messenger, (who has long purchased all stationery for the executive, upon the same terms,) and cost, including a commission of ten per centum, \$1017 61.

You will perceive that the contract did not extend to all the unrecorded papers in the chancery office, but only to such as are required by law, (viz. the law of 1817,) to be recorded. No offer to contract for recording the whole of said papers for a gross sum, was made to the executive by any one.

With the highest consideration,

We have the honour to remain,

Your Obedient Serv'ts.

Jos. Kent.