

wise appropriated, the sum of forty-one dollars and ninety-six cents.

Which was read; and on motion by Mr. Hawkins, referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Tilghman submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the clerk of the council for the time being, be, and he is hereby directed, to transmit to the legislature annually, within the second week of the session, a fair and correct statement of the disbursements and expenditures of the executive department, for the previous current year.

Which was read.

The unfavourable report of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the petition of George Beaston, of Cecil county, was taken up for consideration, read the second time and concurred in.

The favourable report of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petitions of Joseph Britton, Joshua Burgess and Robert Willmott, soldiers of the revolution, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, the report concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

Mr. Merrick from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, delivered the following report:

The committee of grievances and courts of justice in obedience to the order of the house, have enquired into the expediency of authorising a subscription on behalf of the state, to an edition of Harris' Entries, corrected and enlarged, now proposed to be published by Lucas and Deaver, of the city of Baltimore, and have the honour to report, that since the publication of the former edition of that work, extensive changes have been made in our laws, by which many of the old forms have been rendered entirely useless, others require modification, and many rendered necessary, which are not to be found in print.

That the work is one of perhaps indispensable necessity in our public offices, and the old edition becoming very scarce.

That notwithstanding its great utility, the work is not likely to be of extensive circulation, and that in the opinion of the committee the state ought to encourage its publication, by subscribing for a sufficient number of copies to supply the clerk of the court of appeals, the register in chan-