

of justice be instructed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of allowing to state's witnesses, compensation for their attendance at court in the several counties in this state, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Sellman the house took up for consideration the order submitted by him relative to referring so much of the Governor's Message, as relates to the printing and supervision of the printing of the report on the Digest of the Laws, by John Buchanan and Reverdy Johnson, esquires, to a select committee of three.

When on motion by Mr. Sellman, the order was amended by striking out the word 'three' and inserting in lieu thereof, the word 'five,' to constitute the said committee.

The said order was then read a second time as amended and adopted.

In pursuance whereof the Speaker appointed Messrs. Sellman, Long, Bruff, Wharton and Carroll, to compose the said committee.

Mr. Moores, submitted the following preamble and order;

Which was twice read and adopted.

WHEREAS, by an act passed at December session, 1823, chapt. 141,—each School, Academy or College, receiving a donation in money from this state, was required to afford tuition in all the branches taught in such School, Academy or College, and furnish the necessary books, free of any charge, to at least one poor child for every hundred dollars, that each School, Academy or College receive from the state, and report annually to the legislature the number of poor children educated at those institutions;—

Therefore, Ordered, That the committee on education, inquire into and report to this house, whether the several Schools, Academies or Colleges, receiving donations, have made reports annually as required; also, the number of poor children educated at each of said Schools, Academies and Colleges.

On motion by Mr. Dulany,

Ordered, That the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Mrs. Francis Horner, the widow of Doctor Gustavus Hoerner, a Surgeon in the Maryland line.

Mr. Wharton, obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act, authorising the sale of real estate therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Messrs. Wharton, Mann and Grove, report the same.