

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the account of Thomas E. Martin, with instructions to enquire into the propriety of allowing him the usual compensation for publishing laws. &c. beg leave to *report*: That they have investigated the above matter, and that it is proper to allow Thomas E. Martin seventy three dollars, for publishing certain laws, &c., as specified in the account preferred to your committee, certified by Mr. Burchenal, and for this purpose submit the following resolution:

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised and required to pay to the said Thomas E. Martin, the said sum of seventy three dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

F. BRENGLE, Chairman pro. tem.

By order,

J. D. Reed, Cl'k.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, the report concurred in, and the resolution therein contained, assented to.

Mr. Williams submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, as the sentiment of this Assembly, that any act of the Congress of the United States, giving the public lands to the several states in which they are situated, or diminishing the minimum price at which they are now sold, would seriously effect the prosperity of the old States, and do injustice to those states by which they were originally ceded to the union.

2. Resolved further, as the sentiments of this General Assembly, That, as the extinguishment of the public debt, the object for which the cession of those public lands was made by the states to which they originally belonged, having been accomplished, such a distribution of the sales or proceeds of the public lands ought to be made among the several states of these United States, as shall be proportioned to their federal population.

3. Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be and they are hereby requested to use their best endeavors to procure the passage of such a law as may meet the views and wishes hereby expressed.

4. Resolved, That the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to cause to be transmitted to our senators and representatives in Congress, a copy of these resolutions.

Which were read;

And, on motion of Mr. Merrick, referred to the special committee appointed on that subject.