

first day of November 1824, provided the said Benjamin Gaither shall on or before the first day of November next, pay the amount of judgment obtained against him, with six per cent interest, and all costs, and the remainder of the debt due to the state, on or before the first day of November 1824, with interest aforesaid, provided that if the first payment of the debt due to the state is not punctually made at the time herein specified, this resolution shall be considered null and void.

Mr. John P. Kennedy delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the accounts of Washington G. Tuck, respectfully beg leave to report.—

That they find by the accounts laid before them, that Washington G. Tuck has received at different times, since the 29th of July 1820, for various work done to the state house, and other services, for which vouchers have been produced, including a commission of ten per cent to himself, upon monies expended, and exclusive of an account paid him for repairs to the government house,

\$6,205 00½

During the same time he has received, on account of salary as armourer,

\$1,500 00

For repairing arms and firing salutes during the same period,

\$1,397 90

Salary as keeper of the public property \$50 per annum,

\$150 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order, JNO. DOUGLASS, Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the executive communication as relates to the state agents of the eastern and western shore, and also the reports of the said agents, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report as follows:

That they have every reason to anticipate a speedy and satisfactory adjustment of those outstanding balances which have so long burthened the books of your treasury, the amount of old outstanding debts is now very much reduced, and those which are considered good are now in a fair way to be speedily recovered. It may be necessary in many cases for the state to grant indulgencies, particularly to those debtors who are securities for others, and in such cases the committee would recommend that indulgence be extended to all, where the debts are well secured.

The committee have taken a view of the balances due to the state, and cannot pass over the large claim due from the Potomac company, without giving it their fullest deliberation, they think, at a critical juncture like this, when every means ought to be resorted to to replenish your exhausted treasury, that the debt due from the Potomac company ought to be secured, and that the agent, who has so ably and diligently worked with indefatigable zeal and industry, to bring to a close the business entrusted to his care, was justifiable in ordering suit to be commenced against said company, to secure the debt so long due to the state; they therefore urge the necessity of giving directions that counsel shall be employed to attend to the prosecution of the suit, so as to bring it to a speedy decision.

The committee have viewed the report made by the state agent of the western shore, and have compared it with a statement furnished by the treasurer, and find them to correspond. In glancing an eye over the report, they find that the agent aforesaid has actually paid into the treasury upwards of twenty-six thousand dollars, of which amount seventeen thousand six hundred and ninety dollars and nine cents, were debts due the state, and outstanding at the time of his appointment, and two hundred and thirty eight dollars and seventy cents, due by the Cumberland Bank of Allegany, to the school fund, and the remainder was of the revenue becoming due in 1822. A difference of opinion exists as to the construction of the law of 1821, in reference to the power of the agent, over the revenue of 1822, and as doubts did exist, the agent, at an early stage of the session, informed the chairman of the committee that he would not accept any commission, except upon debts he collected, which were outstanding at the time of his appointment.

Your committee think the agent equally entitled to a commission upon the debt collected from the Cumberland Bank, as upon the amount of seventeen thousand six hundred and ninety dollars and nine cents, as this was an account put in his hands by the treasurer; and also upon four hundred and eleven dollars and forty-five cents, an outstanding debt due from Upton Beall, of Montgomery county, another account put into the agent's hands for collection, and in the settlement of which he had as much trouble as if he had received the amount due; the same was paid to the treasurer by Upton Beall; there was one hundred and ninety-two dollars previously collected by the agent from Mr. Beall, which was credited to his account in 1822, consequently the agent was not allowed a cent for his trouble.

The committee think, upon a fair view of the subject under consideration, that the agents of the eastern and western shore are justly entitled to a commission upon all state claims which they have adjusted and secured, whenever the same is paid into the treasury.

Which was twice read.

By order,

T. CROSS, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, all that part of the same relating to the Potomac company, was stricken out. The report was then concurred with.

On motion by Mr. Millard, the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Thomas Kennedy, late state agent for the western shore of Maryland, the commission allowed by the act of December session 1821, authorising the appointment of an agent, on all debts