

government-house required an account of the expenditure, we think it proper that the executors of Mr. Henry should account for the monies advanced to him—Why should a different rule be laid down for cases exactly similar? You observe, the resolution of the last session required no account of the expenditure of the money advanced, and as the whole sum was not drawn, that this circumstance must be abundant evidence of a proper disposition of the money expended. We have not even suggested that the money has been improperly applied; we think, however, the legislature should know how it has been expended, and had Mr. Henry lived, he probably would have produced an account, specifying the items of expenditure; for surely the not having drawn the whole, does not shew in what manner the one thousand and twenty-two dollars were expended.

In all cases of public expenditures accounts should be produced to satisfy the legislature that the monies advanced have been thriftily applied. We think we have the right to examine all public expenditures, and good, certainly no evil, can arise from its exercise.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The senate adjourns until 4 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The resolution rescinding the resolution respecting a loan of money for rebuilding the academy in Baltimore-town, the resolution respecting Hillsborough school, in Caroline county, the resolution respecting the hospital in Baltimore county, the resolution for an advance of money to the school in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, the resolution in favour of Richard K. Watts, the resolution rescinding part of the resolution respecting money deposited in the treasury for the use of British creditors, the resolution respecting the advance of money to the academy at Elkton, Cecil county, and the paper bills No. 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112 and 113, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The engrossed bill number 111 was read and assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The following message was prepared, read, agreed to, and, with the bill and resolution therein mentioned, sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 20, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

We have negatived your resolution respecting the examiner-general, because we think that he cannot receive fees unless they are allowed by law. We also think that the fees appertaining to his office will bear a more considerable increase than the addition made in your resolution, without any oppression to those who may have to pay them. We have originated and passed a law, authorising him to receive fifty per cent. more than he is at present allowed to demand, and hope it will meet with your concurrence.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the paper bill number 111, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 20, 1799: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1799.

RESOLVED, That the agent to the state of Maryland do immediately proceed to sell the property taken under fieri facias issued on a judgment, the state of Maryland against William Allein, rendered at October term, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, and that the amount of the proceeds thereof be paid by the agent to Daniel Kent, for the use of Sarah Weems Allein, wife of William Allein.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act to increase the fees of the examiner-general of the western shore, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 20, 1799: "Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendments proposed. After the word "shore" in the title of the bill insert "and the examiner of the eastern shore." After the word "shore" in the 4th line of the enacting clause insert "and the examiner of the eastern shore." At the end of the enacting clause insert "And be it enacted, That the examiner-general of the western shore, and the examiner of the eastern shore, shall lay before the next general assembly an account, on oath, of the amount of their fees for the present year."

Which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution in favour of Sarah Weems Allein was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The engrossed bill number 114 was read and assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, and the resolution in favour of Sarah Weems Allein, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act to alter, abolish and repeal, certain parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as are therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 20, 1799: "Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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