

of the testimony taken before the select committee appointed last session, to examine into the affairs of the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company; provided said pamphlets shall cost less than they can be obtained from the regular printer to this House. I enquired of the Messrs. Johnston, now printers to this House, for what sum would they agree to furnish 111 copies of said testimony. The said pamphlet contains 191 pages in the whole, of which there are 36 tabular pages. They informed me that the usual allowance for the printing of such pamphlets was one dollar per plain page and two dollars per tabular page. They agreed, however, that they would furnish said number of copies for one hundred and ninety-one dollars:

I have contracted with Mr. McNeir to furnish said 111 copies for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICK. WATKINS, Clerk.

Which was read:

Mr. Mason moved to reconsider the vote taken on the adoption of the order under which the foregoing contract had been made.

On the question being put, it was

Determined in the negative.

Also, a communication from the clerk of Somerset county court in reference to monies paid by him into the Treasury;

Read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Coad presented the petition of Charles Barnes, a free man of color, for the passage of an act to allow him to remove into this State;

Read and referred to the committee on colored population.

Mr. Tuck presented the petition of Zadock Robinson and others, praying that a deed of partition therein mentioned may be made valid;

Read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Biser presented the petition of David Mullendore of Frederick county, praying the passage of an act to authorise him to manumit certain slaves therein mentioned;

Referred to the committee on colored population.

Mr. Winder presented the petition of J. W. Crisfield, William H. Weed and William W. Johnston, on behalf of the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company, remonstrating against the passage of an order or resolution forbidding the Treasurer of the Western Shore paying the instalments due from the State to that Company, and averring that that company has complied with the resolution of last session, and also remonstrating against the claims of M. Duval for indemnity for work done on that road;

Which was read:

Mr. Mason moved that so much of the said petition as relates to the application of M. Duval, be referred to the committee on internal improvements, the balance to the select committee raised