

Read the first, and by special order the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Wilmer, chairman of the committee on claims, made the following report in reference to the accounts of the Treasurer of the Western Shore:

[See Document C.]

Also, the following report in reference to the accounts of the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore:

[See Document D.]

Which were read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

The clerk of the Senate delivered the following bill;

A bill, entitled, an act to repeal the 4th section of an act, entitled, a supplement to an act to provide for electing commissioners for Allegany county, and prescribing their duties and powers, passed December session 1838, ch. 316;

Endorsed "will pass."

Read and referred to Messrs. Berry, Newman and Price.

On motion of Mr. Legrand,

The House took up for consideration the preamble and resolution submitted by Mr. Ridgely, relating to that part of the governor's message which speaks of direct taxation.

Mr. Spencer moved the following as a substitute for said preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, his excellency the governor in his annual message to the present session of the Legislature, has in a full and candid manner, set forth the true condition of the finances of the state in reference to the public debt,

And whereas, the records of the state exhibit the following facts:

1st. That in the year 1828 the revenue of the State was adequate to its expenditures, and that its public debt, then amounted to the sum of

\$180,947 00

2d. That the present debt by legislation of successive years, since that time, amounts to about the sum of

15,000,000 00

3d. That the actual revenue which accrued in the year 1839, amounted to the sum of

391,323 47

That the expenditures for the same year amounted to the sum of

631,808 48

Making an excess of expenditures over the actual accruing revenue of

240,565 41

4th. That the actual revenue of the same year, exclusive of that which arose from the internal improvement companies, amounted to the sum of

255,122 06

That the expenditures for the same year exclusive of the appropriations to the said companies and the interest on the public debt for them created, amounted to the sum of

245,000 37

Making an excess of receipts over the expen-