

2d. That this legislature will adopt such measures during its present session as may be necessary for the payment of the interest on the public debt of the State, and that it is inexpedient to express any opinion as to the ways and means of meeting the engagements of the State, before a proper time has been allowed the committee of ways and means, (the proper and recognized organ of the House upon such subjects) to report to the House the obligations and resources of the state.

3d. Resolved, that the opinions of the governor as expressed in his message on the subject of the obligation of the State to redeem its engagements are eminently calculated to sustain its credit.

Which were read.

Mr. Legrand moved the following as a substitute for the original preamble and resolution offered by Mr. Ridgely, and the substitute offered by Mr. Spencer.

Whereas, the Governor of this State, in his recent message to the Legislature, has forcibly depicted the alarming condition to which the State of Maryland has been reduced by "the wild spirit of internal improvement," and the disastrous system of hypothecation of State's bonds, and the mismanagement which has characterized the proceedings of corporate companies, that have heretofore so unwisely been permitted to go on without proper restraint, by former Legislatures; and whereas, it is manifest, that by the improvidence of our predecessors, the means of the State have been so squandered and impaired, as to excite well founded apprehensions that a direct tax may become indispensable for the support of Government; and whereas, in the opinion of the Governor, the mischiefs that have been so brought about require that effectual measures be taken to guard against a further increase thereof:—therefore,

Resolved, That whilst it is the duty of the Legislature to provide, according to the thirteenth article of the Declaration of Rights of this State, adequate means for the support of Government, this General Assembly fully concurs in opinion with the Governor as to "the necessity of guarding against an increase of existing evils," and at the same time, declares its belief that those ends may for the present be attained without a resort to direct taxation.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Newman from the select committee to whom was referred the bill which originated in the Senate, 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, chapter 316, made a favorable report thereon,

Which was then taken up, read the second time, and will pass.

The House took up for consideration the bills in order, entitled to a second reading.

The first bill in order, entitled to a second reading, is a bill,