

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Blakistone, entitled, an act limiting the time for the collection of the fees of attorneys, solicitors, clerks, Registers, Sheriffs and other officers of this state.

Mr. Blakistone moved to amend the said bill by inserting after the word "sheriffs," in the 3^d line of the 1st section, the following words, "collector of county levies, constables;"

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Willson moved to amend said bill by adding the following sections.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That attorneys, solicitors, clerks, Registers, sheriffs, collectors of county levies and constables and other officers of this state shall prove their accounts as all other persons are required to do, and that their fees be collected as other small debts are collected, out of court.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons, having claims against any attorney, solicitor, clerk, register or other officer of this state to plead the said account in bar, of any fee or fees sent out against him by any such officer or officers. Any such claim or account when legally authenticated, shall be taken and deemed a fair and legal offset to such fee or fees.

Mr. Handy moved that the said bill with the proposed amendments be laid on the table, and that the amendments be printed.

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sellman, the house took up for consideration the resolutions submitted by him on the 18th inst. as chairman of the committee on claims, relative to the stationary for the use of the Executive and Legislature.

Mr. Pratt moved to fill up the blank in the first resolution with "seventy five dollars," upon which the question was put, and resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the said resolution was amended, by striking out the words "per cent on the amount of said purchases," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "for his services."

The said resolutions were then read a second time as amended and assented to.

Mr. Burchenal presented a petition of Ann E. Camper, praying to be divorced for her husband James Camper.

And Mr. Peregoy presented a petition of Jean A. Sicard, praying to be divorced from his wife Frances Ida Sicard.