

Mr. Churchill moved to amend by inserting after the word correspondence "and especially of the disposition of their contingent expenses."

The resolution as amended was adopted.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Murphy of Vermilion, Churchill, Craig, Rawalt, Cloud, Robert Smith, and Edwards be the committee, on the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Baker,

*Resolved*, That the Governor be respectfully requested to communicate to this House the following information:

1. The names of all the agents, commissioners, or officers employed or selected by him to borrow money, sell State bonds or in any otherwise to procure funds for the use of the State, likewise the names of all persons employed to transmit bonds, drafts, checks, or to perform any other duties connected with procuring or transmitting money or bonds.

2. The powers and instructions of all such agents, officers, and commissioners.

3. The nature and amount of their compensation, when, where, by whom, and how paid.

On motion of Mr. Hardin.

*Resolved*, That the Fund Commissioners be instructed to report to this House, copies of all contracts, respecting sales of State bonds, made by them since the adjournment of the Legislature in March last.

Also, whether any alterations have been made in said contracts, and if so, what those alterations are.

Also, if there is any contract, or part of any of the contracts not reduced to writing, what said contracts or those parts of said contracts are.

Mr. Murphy of Perry, moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "instructed" and insert the word "requested" which was not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hardin, it was then amended by striking out "instructed" and inserting "directed."

The resolution as amended, was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Stapp,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Finance, be instructed to enquire whether any county or counties in this State, have failed or refused to levy and collect a tax, in conformity to the fifteenth section of the "Act entitled an act concerning the public revenue," and if so, that they report a bill for the purpose of enforcing the assessment and collection of the same.

On motion of Mr. Murphy of Perry,

*Resolved*, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the Internal Improvement system, be referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

And so much as relates to the school fund be referred to the committee on education.

On motion of Mr. Hankins,

*Resolved*, That the committee on Finance be instructed to enquire into the propriety, and necessity of amending the revenue laws, so as to require all pedlars of merchandize, of any kind or description whatever, to take out and pay for licenses.

On motion of Mr. Stapp,

*Resolved*, That the committee on Finance, be instructed to enquire

whether or not the Shawneetown Bank has suspended specie payment, and that they have the power to send for persons and papers, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Ficklin,

*Resolved by the House of Representatives*, That the Commissioners of the Board of Public Works be requested to lay before this House, at as early a period as practicable, a detailed statement of the expenditures upon each rail road in the State, the number of Engineers in the employment of the State, on the first day of May, 1839. And the number now in the employment of the State, together with the amount of compensation received by each. And also a tabular statement of all monies paid to officers belonging to, or connected with the system of Internal Improvements. And also, a statement of all monies paid to contractors and hands, for work and labour actually done upon the public works of this State. And also their opinions as to the probable cost of all the works contemplated by the several laws relative to Internal Improvements.

Mr. Happy moved to amend by adding after the word Engineers, "and agents," the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Edwards moved for adoption the following resolutions;

*Resolved*, That to preserve the independent exercise of legislation, it is unconstitutional, and contrary to the spirit and genius of our institutions, to hold any member of the Legislature responsible, except to his constituents and the people, for the support of any measure or law, whether public or private, proposed in either branch of the General Assembly.

*Resolved*, That the assent or support of any law, ought not to operate to the prejudice of any member of the Legislature, in any suit to which he is a party, in any of the courts of this State, and more especially if such law is unconstitutional; which,

Mr. Henry moved to refer to the committee on the Judiciary, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Walker of Vermilion moved their reference to a select committee of ten.

Mr. Marshall moved to lay them on the table till the fourth day of July.

Mr. Daley moved to lay them on the table.

On the last motion, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Lincoln called for the ayes and noes.

On motion of Mr. Walker of Vermilion,

The question was decided so as to take the vote on each resolution separately, and on the vote being taken on laying the first resolution on the table,

It was decided in the negative, by ayes and noes as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Able, Alexander, Allen of Franklin, Allen of Greene, Bainbridge, Bowman, Brown, Carpenter, Churchill, Cloud, Copland, Crain, Cunningham, Daley, Dunn, Ficklin, Fisk, Foster, Gouge, Hankins, Harris, Houston, Huey, Hull, Kercheval, Love, Marshall, Maus, McCutchen, Moore, Morgan, Murphy of Perry, Nance, Naper, Pace, Read, Simms, Thomas of St. Clair, and Zimmerman—39.

Those voting in the Negative, are,

Messrs. Aldrich, Baker, Craig, Dawson, Dubois, Edmonson, Edwards,