

The house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, entitled, an act to invest the States share of the surplus revenue of the United States, and for other purposes;

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

The house was called, and the door-keeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Keene,

The house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session, during the absence of the door-keeper;

On motion of Mr. Ridgely,

The house took up for consideration the bill reported by him, entitled, an act to limit the time for which tobacco inspectors shall continue to hold their offices;

Mr. Parran, moved to amend said bill by striking out in the 1st section fourth line 'five' and inserting 'three;'

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely said bill was amended by striking out these words, 'or extend their terms for a longer period than that now provided by law,' and inserting in lieu thereof the following, 'for five years successively'

Mr. Carpenter, moved to refer the bill to the committee on inspections;

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Shaw, moved to amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause of the bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the following;

'That from and after the first day of June next, no person who may be appointed a tobacco inspector in this State, shall be eligible to that office for one year at least, after having served five successive years, provided nothing herein is intended to prevent the governor and council, or governor and senate from appointing those officers annually as at present;'

On motion of Mr. Coombs, said amendment was amended by adding 'at the end thereof the following;

'Provided that nothing contained in this act shall extend to Prince George's county;'

The question then recurred and was put, on the amendment as amended, and

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Tuck, said bill was amended by adding at the end thereof as an additional section the following;

'And be it enacted, that nothing in this act shall be con-