

wise, if the stock becomes below its original par value, the banks have no claim to a reduction of their bonus. For these reasons, the committee recommend the rejection of the bill.

By order, Jacob S. Smith, Com. Clk.

On motion by Mr. Peach, the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Baldwin, of Bladensburgh, in Prince-George's county, praying to be compensated for the apprehension of a certain William Dent, or Denty, a criminal offender, submitted yesterday, with the accompanying resolution, were taken up for consideration, and by special order read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Edward Hughes, the question was put, That the words "one hundred and fifty dollars," be stricken from the resolution? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Peach, the question was put, That the blank in the resolution be filled with the words, "one hundred and twenty-five dollars?" And it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Gantt, the question was then put, That the said blank be filled with the words, "one hundred dollars?" And it was resolved in the affirmative.

The said report was then concurred with, and the accompanying resolution, so amended as above stated, was assented to, and sent to the senate for their concurrence.

Bills, of the following titles, were this day severally reported, viz.

By Mr. Brooke, An act for the benefit of the creditors and family of George W. Crane, of Calvert county.

By Mr. Kent, An act to protect the breed of fish in Anne-Arundel county.

Which said bills were severally read the first, and by special order, the second time, passed, and sent to the senate for their concurrence therein. Also,

By Mr. Teackle, from the committee on ways and means, An act to regulate sales by public auction. This bill was read the first time, laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Monday next, the 19th instant. And,

By Mr. Stevens, as chairman of the committee on lotteries, An act requiring the commissioners of lotteries to give bond. This bill was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The house resumed the further consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, in reference to the bill reported by Mr. Du Val, the chairman of the committee on the militia, entitled, An act to regulate and organise the militia of this state.

And in the progress of the second reading thereof,