

Mr. Tobey, from Select Committee, reported favorably on a bill entitled, an Act to exempt the German Baptists of Washington County from serving on juries;

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Appleman, from Select Committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, an Act to incorporate the Farmers' and Mechanics' Mutual Insurance Company of Washington County;

Which was recommitted on yesterday.

The said bill was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Also, a bill entitled, an Act to revive and continue in force the Act of 1854, chapter 60, entitled, an Act to incorporate a Society in Washington County, to be styled the "Agricultural and Mechanical Association of Washington County;"

Which was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

The bill entitled, an Act to add additional sections to Article 3d of the Public Local Laws entitled, "Baltimore county," relating to roads and bridges;

Was recommitted to the Baltimore County delegation.

The Speaker laid before the House the following report of R. Mickle, President of the Baltimore and Fredericktown Turnpike Road Company :

*To the Honorable*

*The House of Delegates of Maryland :*

The President, Managers and Company of the Baltimore and Fredericktown Turnpike Road Company respectfully submit the following report, in compliance with the order passed by your Honorable Body on January 12th, 1867, in the following words :

"Ordered, That the President and Managers of the Baltimore and Fredericktown Turnpike Road Company report to this House, on or before the 21st January, 1867, by what authority they are charging the present and excessive rate of toll, and also by what authority of law they are now erecting toll gates as close together as they now have them erected and used ; and also, if the said Companies, or each of them, have demanded or collected tolls from persons using the road who reside between the gates on either of said roads."

This Company did increase its rate of tolls, on or about the first day of November, 1864, and its authority for so doing is to be found in its charter, passed in 1804, chapter 51.

By the 24th section of the charter it was expressly provided "That the stockholders of the present Companies shall be entitled to receive *ten per centum* per annum, and no more, over and above all charges and deductions whatever ;" and