

Leave was granted the Committee on Ways and Means to introduce a bill to exempt churches, church property, parsonages, cemeteries, and school houses from taxation in Kent county.

Mr. Smith submitted the following

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, It appears, from the Report of the Comptroller of the State for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1866, that there are now outstanding sterling bonds of the State to the amount of \$802,000, issued under the Act of 1838, chapter 416, which, by the provisions of said Act, were redeemable at the pleasure of the State after the first of January, 1865;

AND WHEREAS, These bonds being made payable in the city of London, and cannot be redeemed at this time without serious loss to the State, owing to the excessive rate of exchange now demanded between the United States and London, and the coupons attached to these bonds being exhausted, rendering the collection of the interest very inconvenient to the holders of the same, therefore be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the State be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, on presentation to him and cancellation thereof, to issue new bonds to the holders of those now outstanding, under the provisions of the said Act of 1838, chapter 416.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Clarke, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, reported favorably a bill entitled, an Act to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying the claim of Thomas E. Dill;

Also, a bill entitled, an Act to compensate Col. E. M. Mobley for the loss of a horse in the service of the Military Agency;

Which were severally read a first time.

Mr. Thomas, Chairman Committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably, with amendment, the bill entitled, an Act for the benefit of the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar;

Also, reported favorably the bill entitled, an Act to add certain sections to the Code of Public Local Laws, Article four, relating to the weighing of live stock by the Inspector of Hay and Straw, at the Eastern Hay Scales of the city of Baltimore;

Said bill being upon its second reading,