

On motion of Mr. Bowie, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to enquire and to report to the Senate, by bill or otherwise, at an early day, the farthest extent to which the several State taxes now levied may be abolished or reduced, without impairing the ability of the State to meet its obligations.

On motion of Mr. Compton, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary furnish for the use of the Committee Room half dozen chairs.

On motion of Mr. Philpot, it was

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the portraits of the early Governors of this State, (painted by Peal,) and to enquire where they are, and in whose possession at this time; and also, as regards the purchase of them and the propriety of procuring them to be placed in the Executive Chamber.

The Chair then appointed Messrs. Philpot, Bowie and Vickers.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Stephenson, Young and Frazier to report a bill to incorporate Blenheim Lodge No. 102, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Harford county.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Caroline,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Corporations to report a bill to incorporate the (Eureka Base Ball Club,) at Federalsburg, in Dorchester and Caroline counties.

On motion of Mr. Mules,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to introduce a bill to add an additional section to Article 4 of the Public Local Laws of the City of Baltimore, relating to the collection of taxes.

On motion of Mr. Frazier,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, to report a bill to protect Churches and Church Property in this State.

On motion of Mr. Frazier,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to report a bill to make valid a deed from James Montgomery and Wife, to Wm. Rea, of Dorchester county.

Mr. Ohr, from the Select Committee, reported a bill entitled an Act to repeal sub-sections 179 and 180, with section