

A bill entitled an Act to provide for the better protection of partridges in Washington county.

Also,

A bill entitled an Act entitled a supplement to an Act passed January session, 1856, chapter 146, entitled an Act to incorporate the Gilmore House Company.

Also,

A bill entitled an Act to require the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington county to prepare and make a general index to the land records of Washington county, and to transcribe one of the Equity Dockets of said Court.

Also,

A bill entitled an Act to repeal sections 22 and 24 of Article 61 of the Code of Public General Laws, and enact the following in lieu thereof.

Severally endorsed, "Passed by yeas and nays."

The Speaker laid before the House, the following communication from Dr. James Higgins, late State Immigration Agent:

ANNAPOLIS, January 29, 1868.

To the Honorable,

The Speaker of the House of Delegates:

SIR:—The House of Delegates at its last session ordered that 5,000 copies of a work entitled "A succinct exposition of the industrial resources and agricultural advantages of Maryland" which by their order I had furnished them for publication, should be given me for distribution in the discharge of my duties as State Immigrant Agent of Maryland. This office, created by the Legislature to exist for two years, having been abolished by the late Constitutional Convention, before half that time has expired, has now ceased to exist, and there yet remains in my hands a large number of copies of the above work not yet distributed, and I respectfully return them through you to the House of Delegates, the body from which I received them, that the Honorable Body over which you preside may take whatever action it may deem proper in the premises.

I have the honor to be,

Very truly, &c.,

JAMES HIGGINS,

Late State Immigrant Agent of Maryland.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.