

On motion by Mr. Miller, it was

Ordered, That the claim of Dr. James Higgins against the State of Maryland, for a work of his published by the last Legislature of Maryland, with the petition and accompanying papers, be referred from the Committee on Finance to the Comptroller of the Treasury, under section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, with instructions to examine the same, and report thereon at the earliest practicable day to this Body.

On motion by Mr. Hammond,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to introduce a bill to amend the Act of 1867, chapter 375, relating to fees of Constables, extending the time to the first day of April, 1870.

On motion by Mr. Hammond,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to introduce a bill to amend the Act of 1867, chapter 407, relating to fees of Magistrates, extending the time to the first day of April, 1870.

On motion by Mr. Hammond,

Leave was granted to the Senators from Talbot, Somerset and Caroline, to introduce a bill decreasing the number of Commissioners of the town of Easton, and regulating their meetings, powers and compensation.

On motion by Mr. Hammond,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Education to introduce a bill to provide for a general system of Public Schools for this State.

On motion by Mr. Clarke, it was,

Ordered, that the Comptroller furnish to the Senate the following information :

1st. What amount has been paid for bounties since the 1st day of October, 1867, to the 1st of March, 1868, to whom said bounties were paid, with the amount paid to each person or attorney, and residence of such attorney, also whether said bounties were paid for white or black soldiers, and whether the amount of bounties so paid to blacks were slaves or free men at the time of their enlistments, if such information is in his office.

2nd. What amount of bounty claims are now registered in his office for payment and by whom, and what provision if any has been made for their payment.

On motion by Mr. Biggs,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Corporations to