

On motion by Mr. Henkle,

Leave was granted to the Senators from Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Charles, Saint Mary's and Calvert counties, to introduce a bill to provide for the distribution of the nett revenues arising from the inspection of tobacco, to the tobacco growing counties of the State.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance to introduce a bill to repeal the second section of Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws, and to re-enact the same in an amended form, so as to exempt mortgages from taxation.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from his Excellency Governor Bowie, transmitting the official returns of the election for Senators on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 1869.

Which was referred to the Committee on Elections.

The Senate Joint Resolutions in relation to the limit of the hours of labor of operatives employed in factories, were read a second time, and,

On motion by Mr. Earle,

Said resolutions were referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The President announced a communication from his Excellency Gov. Bowie, by the hands of R. C. Hollyday, Esq., Secretary of State, endorsed, "On Executive Business."

On motion by Mr. Miller, and by unanimous consent,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to introduce a bill to increase the compensation of witnesses in civil actions in the Courts of this State, and to secure the speedy payment thereof.

On motion by Mr. Grove, and by unanimous consent,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Education to introduce a bill to repeal the Act of Assembly of 1868, chapter 407, entitled, an Act to add a new Article to the Code of Public General Laws, to be entitled, "Public Education," providing a general system of Free Public Schools for the State of Maryland, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Maddox, and by unanimous consent,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to introduce a bill to add an additional section to Article 37 of Maryland Code, entitled evidence.