

The Speaker laid before the House the following Report of Hon. Levin Woolford, which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

REPORT.

To the Honorable,

The Speaker of the House of Delegates:

The undersigned having been appointed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly, at January session, 1872, "to revise and systematise the Revenue Laws of this State, and to report the same to the next General Assembly for their consideration," begs leave to report, as by said resolution is required, a series of bills intended as a complete revision of Article 81, ——— and an amendment of Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws, which, if passed by your Honorable Bodies, will, in the opinion of the undersigned, materially increase the revenue and simplify the law in regard thereto.

The bills presented with this Report are:

1st. A bill entitled an Act to repeal Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Revenue and Taxes," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

2d. A bill entitled an Act to repeal the Act passed at January session, 1872, chapter 234, entitled an Act to tax the gross receipts of Railroad Companies in this State for State purposes, and to re-enact the same with amendments, and to add the same to Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State.

3d. A bill entitled an Act to repeal the Act passed at January session, 1872, chapter 274, entitled an Act to regulate the taxation of Coal Mining Companies in this State for State purposes, and to re-enact the same with amendments, and to add the same to Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State.

4th. A bill entitled an Act to repeal the second section of the Act passed January session, 1870, chapter 362, entitled an Act to assess and collect taxes on the property of the several Railroad Corporations chartered by the State of Maryland, and to re-enact the same with amendments, and to add the same to Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws of this State.

5th. A bill entitled an Act to repeal the Act passed at January session, 1872, chapter 355, entitled an Act to authorize the issuing of licenses to Telegraph Companies, and Express or Transportation Companies not organized under