

ford, Edward Marriott, James Drury, of Plummer, and heirs of Thomas G. Hardesty:

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Pruitt, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the bill entitled an Act to repeal section 1 of an Act passed at the January session, 1872, chapter 131, entitled an Act for the better protection of oysters, clams, terrapins and fish, in the Synepuxent Bay and its tributaries, in Worcester county, and to re-enact the same with amendments,

Reported the same without amendments.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following message:

BY THE SENATE,
January 22nd, 1874.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message proposing to increase the Joint Committee to visit the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Frederick city, one on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House, and concur therein.

We have appointed on the part of the Senate, Mr. Brattan.

By-order,
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary.

Which was read.

Mr. Keech, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

MAJORITY REPORT.

In the Matter of the Memorial in the case of Joseph W. Davis.

It is the opinion of a majority of the Committee on the Judiciary, that the Legislature has no right to suspend the execution of the sentence of the Court in the case of the State *vs.* Joseph W. Davis, convicted of the murder of Abraham Lynn, and sentenced to be hung in Carroll county, on Friday next.

The Committee make this Report now, as the time for the execution of the prisoner is so rapidly approaching. At some future time during this session of the Legislature, the Committee will give the reasons upon which their opinion is based. The Committee deem this proper on account of the importance of the constitutional questions involved in this case.

W. S. KEECH.

Which was read.