

Dorchester, Kent, Caroline, Calvert, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Harford, Charles and Worcester counties, to cases of assault and battery, and to extend the right of appeal, so far as relates to Kent county.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Gill, Chairman of a Select Committee, presented the following communication from the Hon. Barnes Compton, Treasurer elect of Maryland:

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Feb. 4th, 1874.

*Gentlemen of the Committee :*

Your favor of this date, notifying me of my election by the General Assembly to the office of State Treasurer, just received. Permit me, while declaring my purpose to accept the office, to express through you to the General Assembly of the State, my grateful acknowledgements for the honor conferred, and to you individually, my warmest thanks for the kind terms in which you have seen fit to convey this information.

Very respectfully, yours,

BARNES COMPTON.

To Messrs. Gill; Buchanan and Hodson, Committee on part of the House, and Messrs. F. P. Stevens, T. S. Davis, Committee on part of the Senate.

Which was read.

Mr. Fenton, Chairman of a Select Committee, reported favorably,

A bill entitled an Act to alter and amend section 2 of an Act entitled an Act to authorize the building of a bridge over the river Patapsco, at January session, 1856, chapter 215.

Which was read a first time.

The bill entitled an Act to empower the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Cumberland, to sell and convey a certain lot of ground in said city,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill entitled an Act granting the sanction of the General Assembly of Maryland to the bequest of Hannah Horn, late of Baltimore City, deceased, to the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.