

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, }
March 3rd, 1874.

The following Act of Assembly was this day presented to his Excellency the Governor for his approval :

No. 61. An Act to provide for the defence of Officers of Registration and Judges of Election who are or may be indicted in the United States Court for acts done in the performance of duties imposed by the Constitution and Laws of this State, which acts are alleged to be in violation of the Act of Congress, approved May the 31st, 1870, entitled "An Act to enforce the rights of citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of this Union, and for other purposes."

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

Charles J. Pennington Esq., Assistant Secretary of State, delivered the following message from His Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis, March 3rd, 1874.

To the House of Delegates :

I return, without my signature, House Bill No. 52, entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Deer Park, in Garrett county."

There are so many objectionable features in this bill, that I am quite sure a careful reading of it will suggest to your Honorable Body, that it must have passed under the impression that it was a "little local bill," which is too often the specious cover for improvident legislation. The second section not only gives jurisdiction to the Mayor and Common Council over the territory included within the limits of the town of Deer Park, but for half a mile in every direction around it.

The third section provides that at the election for Mayor and Common Council, residents without property, and non-residents who hold five hundred dollars worth of real estate in the town, shall vote, which, in regard to municipal corporations, is certainly in opposition to the spirit of the Constitution.

Section 12 gives the Town Bailiff the authority of a Constable, as a conservator of the public peace.

Section 16 gives the Mayor and a Justice of the Peace power to impose fines for a breach of the peace, and in case of conviction, authority to imprison the party convicted, in Garrett county jail, or in some other place of confinement in Deer Park, and if insolvent, the party, after forty-eight