

Pending the consideration whereof,

On motion of Mr. Watkins,

The further consideration thereof was postponed, and said bill referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The bill entitled an Act to amend Article 10, of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, relating to Attachments, by adding thereto an additional section, relating to the attachments of the property and credits of non-residents of this State,

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

And, on motion of Mr. Stewart, of Baltimore City,

Was recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hon. Richard C. Hollyday, Secretary of State, delivered the following message from his Excellency, Gov. James Black Groome, together with the bill named therein:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, March 17th, 1874.

*To the House of Delegates:*

I respectfully return, without my approval, House Bill No. 88, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Farmers' Manufacturing Company of New Market."

In a message to the Senate returning Senate Bill No. 69, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Frederick City Superphosphate Manufacturing Company," with objections, (which message can be found upon the Senate Journal, page 598, &c.) I briefly alluded to the evils of special legislation and the reasons which caused the framers of the Constitution of 1867 to insert in that instrument this provision: "Corporations may be formed under General Laws, but shall not be created by special Act, except for municipal purposes, and except in cases where no general laws exist providing for the creation of corporations of the same general character as the corporation proposed to be created; and any Act of incorporation passed in violation of this section, shall be void.—(See Article 3, Section 48 )

Chapter 471, of the Acts of 1868, supplied the General Law under which, in accordance with the provisions of section 48, of Article 3, of the Constitution, just quoted, corporations of the same general character as those provided for in said Act must be created.

Section 19, of said Act, specifies as among the corporations to be created under the provisions of said General Law, those