

and to re-enact the same with amendments, increasing the amount of the exemption in said section mentioned,"

Being on third reading,

Mr. Brattan submitted the following amendment :

"That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to Somerset and Dorchester counties."

Which was rejected.

The question recurring upon the passage of the bill,

It was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Getty,
Aydelott,	Knight,
Blake,	Longwell,
Brewer,	Lloyd,
Crawford,	Mudd,
Claggett,	McCulloh,
Davis,	Stevens,
Denson,	Steiner,
Earle,	Suit,
Fields,	Walsh—20.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Billingsley,	Phelps—3.
Brattan,	

Said bill was then returned to the House of Delegates.

The Hon. C. J. Pennington having appeared and delivered a communication from his Excellency, the Governor,

Endorsed "Executive Business."

On motion by Mr. Denson,

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Having resumed Legislative business,

The Hon. C. J. Pennington appeared and delivered the following communication from his Excellency, Governor Whyte :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, Feb'y 25th, 1874.

To the Senate :

I return, without approval, Senate bill No. 38, entitled "An Act to repeal section 1 of Article LXXIII. of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled 'Penitentiary,' regulating