of free public schools for the State of Maryland, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith, and to re-enact the same with amendments, and to substitute other sections in lieu of those repealed to read as follows.

Mr. Billingsley, from a Select Committee, reported

The House bill entitled an Act to authorize the Sheriffs of the several counties and city of Baltimore, to collect certain fees due the late Clerk of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county,

With the following amendment:

## AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

"And provided that this Act shall not be so construed as to deprive any of the parties against whom such fees shall be demanded from any defences to which they are now entitled by law."

Which was adopted.

The bill, as amended, was read the second time.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Corporations, reported unfavorably on

The House bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Oakland Cemetery Company,

And the report was adopted.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably on

The House bill entitled an Act supplementary to an Act passed at January Session, 1870, chapter 168, entitled an additional supplement to an Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Congregation of Baltimore Town, passed November Session, 1795, chapter 15, to enable the said corporation to purchase a new burial-ground.

Which was read the second time.

Also, reported favorably on

The House bill entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Bachman Valley Rail Road Company, passed at January Session, 1870, authorizing and empowering the President and Directors of said Company, or a majority of them, to issue the bonds of the said Company, to an amount not exceeding \$50,000.

Which was read the second time.

Also, reported favorably on

The House bill entitled an Act entitled an additional sup-