

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Walsh, Lloyd and Longwell.

Also,

The House bill entitled an Act to pay George E. Hadaway, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, as fees in certain cases.

Which was read the first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

Also,

The House bill entitled an Act to provide for the taxation of dogs, in Montgomery and Washington counties.

Which was read the first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Also,

The House bill entitled an Act to repeal chapter 81 of the Acts passed at January Session, 1872, relating to catching Oysters with scoops, in the waters of Dorchester county, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Phelps, Claggett and Crawford.

Also,

The House bill entitled an Act giving the sanction of the General Assembly of Maryland, to the bequest in the last will and testament of Alice M. Gittings, late of Cecil county, deceased, to the vestry of St. James' Church of Cecil county, Maryland.

Which was read the first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Also, returned

The Senate bill entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Frederick, passed February the 24th, 1841, chapter 125.

Endorsed, "Passed by yeas and nays."

Also, returned

The Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments, the Acts incorporating the Wicomico and Pocomoke Rail Road Company,

Endorsed, "Passed by yeas and nays."

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from his Excellency, Governor Groome, with accompanying report :