

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Lloyd, from the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries, reported favorably on

The House bill entitled an Act to authorize citizens of Talbot and Dorchester counties to take or catch Oysters with scoop or scrape, in the waters of the Choptank River,

With the following amendment :

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Section 1, at end of section, add: "Provided, that the waters of Talbot, lying between Black Walnut Point and Wade's Point, shall be opened to the citizens of Talbot county, licensed under this Act."

Which was adopted.

Said bill was then read the second time.

Mr. Phelps, from a Select Committee, reported favorably

The House bill in relation to Justices of the Peace and Constables, in Dorchester county.

Which was read the second time.

Also, reported

The House bill entitled an Act to prohibit trespassing with dog or gun upon private lands, in Dorchester county.

Which was read the second time.

The President laid before the Senate the following communication from the Comptroller :

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

*Comptroller's Office,*

Annapolis, March 27th, 1874.

*To the Honorable*

*The Senate of Maryland :*

GENTLEMEN :—The Report of the Committee on Finance of your Honorable Body, asking to be discharged from the consideration of the Revenue Bill, passed by the House of Delegates, and the action of the Senate in adopting that report, make it necessary that I should communicate to you the exigencies of the Treasury, and what action will be necessary in view of the failure of that measure. The object and scope of the bill is to increase the assessable basis, by subjecting to taxation a large portion of the capital and property of the State which has heretofore escaped, and by this means to equalize, as far as possible, the burdens of the people.