

sioners, whether, in their opinion, it will be advisable to close said road as a public highway; and the said County Commissioners shall give notice in some newspaper printed in said county, for at least three weeks, when they will consider the report of the said Examiners so appointed by them, and if the report of the said Examiners shall advise the closing of said road as a public highway; and if the County Commissioners, after taking the testimony of all persons who shall appear before them to testify as the expediency of closing said road, shall be convinced that the said road is not needed as a public highway, they shall direct the same to be closed as a public road, but if in their discretion, it is expedient so to do, they may direct the said road to be kept open as a private road, to be kept in repair by the persons interested in the use of it."

Which was adopted, and

Said bill was then read the second time.

Mr. Earle, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably

The House bill entitled an Act to provide for the payment of a sum of money to J. Parran Crane, State's Attorney for St. Mary's county.

Which was read the second time.

Also, reported

The House bill entitled an Act to pay George E. Haddaway, Justice of the Peace for Talbot county, a sum of money as fees in certain cases.

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Earle, from a Select Committee, reported favorably

The House bill relating to the town of Centreville, in Queen Anne's county.

Which was read the second time.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

March 27th, 1874

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We respectfully request your Honorable Body to return to this House the bill entitled an Act to repeal sections 6 and 13 of an Act passed at the January Session, 1872, chapter