

to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, and from the proceeds thereof to establish a paid fire department in said city."

Which was read a first time and referred to the Allegany delegation.

By Mr. Harry,

A bill entitled "An Act requiring the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, a body corporate to keep a flagman stationed at the crossing of said railroad over the county road at Lime Kiln in Frederick county.

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

By Mr. Hopkins,

A bill entitled "An Act to repeal sections 207-214, of Article 10, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title 'Dorchester county,' sub-title, 'Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks.'"

Which was read a first time and referred to the Dorchester delegation.

The Secretary of State appeared, and delivered the following message from the Executive:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

ANNAPOLIS, MD, February 10th, 1904.

To the General Assembly of Maryland:

The situation in Baltimore city, resulting from the great fire, will certainly call for some emergency legislation. In order to secure concert of action I consider it expedient that I be authorized to appoint an unpaid commission to advise upon legislation as may be deemed requisite.

Such commission would take into consideration all pressing needs of the community, and receive suggestions from any persons who may have recommendations to make.

By this means carefully considered legislation will be submitted to the General Assembly for its action. I, therefore, submit a bill authorizing me to name four persons, who, with the Attorney-General, shall constitute such commission.