

and had the sanction of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

It has been well known also to the General Assembly all the time that this construction had been uniformly put upon the section of the law directing the distributions, yet no change has been made in the phraseology of that section, although it has been repealed several times. The fact that notwithstanding the knowledge that this construction has always obtained, the Legislature, after repealing the section several times, has always re-enacted it again in precisely the same words, would certainly be a clear indication that the construction placed on the words was the proper one. It would seem to be proper that an amendment should be made to the law requiring the four quarterly distributions of school tax to be equal in amount, or as nearly so as the circumstances of the case would permit.

Respectfully submitted.

LEVIN WOOLFORD,

Comptroller of the Treasury.

Which was read, and

On motion by Mr. McLane,

Was referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hepbron presented the petition of Elihu Smith and 63 others of Kent County, praying for a law to enable the legal voters in the several districts of Kent County to decide for themselves whether liquors shall be sold in said districts.

Which was read, and referred to Senators Hepbron, Ford and Miller.

Mr. Lancaster presented the memorial of Jno. Murphy & Co., asking a subscription to Hinkley's Testamentary Law and the Law of Inheritance, and Apprentices in Maryland.

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

On motion by Mr. Hepbron,

Leave was granted to Senators Hepbron, Ford and Miller to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to enable the legal voters of the several districts of Kent County to decide for themselves whether liquors shall be sold in said districts.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act to repeal Section 138, of the