

for State deposits, etc. The State Treasurer and the State Bank Commissioner strongly protested against the approval of the bill and, accepting their advice, I have accordingly vetoed it.

MARRIAGES.

Chapter 72, Senate Bill 40, increases the fee for marriage licenses in Cecil County.

Chapter 73, Senate Bill 47, fixes the hours within which the Clerk of the Court in Cecil County may issue marriage licenses.

As the general subject matter of these two bills has been covered by Chapter 91 of the Acts of 1937, which has been signed, I have vetoed these two bills.

MERIT SYSTEM.

Chapter 195, Senate Bill 244, provides that any person performing the duties of an assigned classification for five consecutive years shall be considered a fully classified employee. This bill was returned to the Senate on April 2nd with my reasons for disapproval. In this message, I stated that I saw no sound reason for such legislation and that it would constitute a bad precedent for the future. The full message will be found in the Senate Journal for April 2nd, 1937.

Chapter 246, House Bill 274, provides for an appeal to the Board of Public Works from the decision of the State Employment Commissioner as to dismissal or demotion of any employee of the classified service. The right of appeal is amply provided for in the existing laws and I have, therefore, vetoed this bill.

MOTOR VEHICLES.

Chapter 233, House Bill 52, provides for a social premium plan to promote care and safety in the operation of motor vehicles. The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles protested against the approval of the bill on the ground that the Act does not provide for the raising of funds to make the Act effective and that there are no funds available to put its provisions into operation. I am very reluctant to disapprove any legislation which has for its object the increasing of safety on the public highways but, in view of the fiscal situation in connection with this bill, I have no alternative except to disapprove it. I have, therefore, vetoed the bill.