

*And whereas*, It is the sense of this House, that if such allegations and charges should be true, they would constitute a flagrant evil and gross abuse of public trust, demanding prompt measures for their punishment, correction and suppression ; therefore—

*Be it ordered*, That a Select Committee of —— be appointed by the Speaker to enquire whether any person, persons or corporation, his, their or its agent, paid or gave any gift, bonus, percentage or other consideration to anyone, in order thereby to procure legislation by said General Assembly of 1874, and what, if any sum of money, gift or other consideration was so given or paid, and to whom, for whom, and by whom the same was given or paid.

And that said Committee is hereby requested and directed to summon and examine on oath the officers, trustees, directors, visitors, managers, or other person or persons, or their agents authorized by law to receive or expend any moneys appropriated by said Legislature for the use or benefit of any institution or corporation under control of this State, private individuals or both, and ascertain how the same was received and how expended, and what, if any sum of money or other consideration was given or paid, for the purpose of aiding or securing the passage or enactment of any law making such appropriation, and if any, to whom, for whom, and by whom the same was so paid or given.

And said Committee is hereby further directed to fully and searchingly investigate the matters herein mentioned, with full power to send for persons and examine them on oath, and to send for books, papers and documents, and that said Committee report the result to this House as soon as their investigation shall be fully and properly completed.

Which was read.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the order,

On motion of Mr. Hodges,

The further consideration thereof was postponed.

And said order was made the order of the day for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Ward,

Leave was granted to the Cecil and Garrett delegations to introduce a bill to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 1, of chapter 439, of the Acts of 1874, relating to the issuing of licenses for the sale spirituous and fermented liquors, so as to exempt Cecil and Garrett counties from the provisions of said Act.