

Also, by Mr. Stevens, favorably.

House bill entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact chapter 279, of the Acts of 1870, relating to "Landlord and Tenant," with the following proposed amendment:

Section 2, strike out "Anne Arundel."

Which was adopted.

Said bill as amended was then read the second time.

Also, by Mr. Stevens, favorably,

House bill entitled an Act to extend the jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace for St. Mary's and Baltimore counties, to cases of assault and battery.

With the following proposed amendments:

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert the following:

SECTION 1. That the Justices of the Peace in and for St. Mary's and Baltimore counties, shall have civil and criminal jurisdiction in all cases of assault, and assault and battery, in which the damages and costs in civil, and the fine and costs in criminal cases, shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, and shall have power to commit to the County Jail in criminal cases, for a period of not more than sixty days, nor less than ten days, any person or persons unless the fine or fines and costs imposed be paid or secured to be paid; *provided*, however, that in all cases hereafter tried under this Act before a Justice of the Peace, for said county, either party shall be allowed an appeal to the Criminal Court for St. Mary's county, and such appeal shall be tried *de novo*, and shall be taken in such manner as is now provided for by law in other cases of appeal from judgments of Justice of the Peace.

SEC. 2 *And be it enacted*, That all fines and costs imposed under the preceding Section, shall be collected by the constable or officer serving the process, and when collected shall be paid into the County Treasury, less the costs and ten per centum of the fines, within thirty days from the date of the collection thereof, and all judgments in cases where security is taken, shall be collected within ninety days from the rendition of the same, or the affirmation if appealed upon, and the bond of the constable shall be liable for all such fines and costs so collected.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That no Justice of the Peace shall be required to issue warrants or process under this Act, or any peace warrant, and no constable shall be required to serve such process, unless the fees and costs for issuing, serving and trying the same, be first paid or tendered to be paid by the party applying for such process and service.