

manner waved his opinion upon the propriety of taxing mortgages; but because the basis of taxation had been greatly enlarged in this bill to the great advantages of the taxpayers of the State, and in his judgment if taxing mortgages was inserted in the bill, it would, as the two Houses are now constituted, result in the defeat of the whole measure greatly to the injury of the people of the State.

Pending its consideration,

Mr. Aydelotte submitted the following amendment:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

After the word "Phelps" add "and seventeen other Senators."

Which was rejected.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the order.

It was adopted.

Mr. Lloyd submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

April 1st, 1876.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have after consideration now concurred in the amendment of the House, to Senate bill, (printed 114.) entitled an Act to create a loan to discharge the indebtedness of the Maryland Hospital, and respectfully request the House to recede therefrom.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Walsh, from Committee on Finance, reported favorably,

House bill entitled an Act to pay Eli Whitney his claim against the State.

With the following proposed amendments:

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

"And to defray expenses in the contested election cases in the several Legislative Districts of Baltimore city and of the investigation of the House of Delegates into the official conduct of the Board of Police Commissioner of Baltimore city, and contested election cases of St. Mary's and Calvert counties, and First and Third Election Districts of Baltimore city."

Add to end of Section 1, "And also his warrant upon the Treasurer for such sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars,