

for said county, destroyed by fire on this morning, the 8th May, and to borrow a sum sufficient to re-build the same, and to issue the bonds of the county for the amount so borrowed. Interest payable semi-annually.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates returned the following bill :

A bill, entitled, An act to amend the 151st and 154th sections, relating to the schools of Talbot county, of article twenty of the Code of Public Local Laws, and to add new sections thereto.

Endorsed "passed by yeas and nays."

Also, delivered the following bills.

A bill entitled, An act to repeal the 49 and 50th sections, relating to free negroes, of article sixty-six, of the Code of Public General Laws.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Colored Population.

A bill, entitled, An act making an appropriation for the Maryland Penitentiary.

Which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Heckart, Grahame, and Lynch.

Mr. Heckart presented the petition of fifty-four citizens of Port Deposit, Cecil county, against the passage of a bill appointing a Committee of Safety.

Which was read, and referred to Messrs. Yellott, McKaig, Goldsborough, of Talbot, Whitaker and Watkins.

A bill, entitled, An act to amend the eighty-third article of the Code of Public General Laws, by exempting a certain amount of property from execution,

Was taken up.

Mr. Miles offered the following

AMENDMENT:

In the fourth line of the sixth section, after the words, "any contract," strike out the words, "or for," and insert the words, "or to."

Which was adopted.

The bill was then read the third time, and passed by yeas and nays as follows :