Compton, Burgess,

Maxwell, Bayless,

McCleary—11.

Said bill was then returned to the Senate.

Mr. Goldsborough, acting chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, made the following

REPORT:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition of sundry State Collectors of Washington county, praying that a law be passed authorizing them to collect the State dues in current funds, and not in gold and silver or in current funds of the city of Baltimore, as is now required, respectfully report, that having given the subject due and calm reflection, believe it would be impolitic to pass any local legislation giving to any party or parties, the right to judge as to the solvency or sufficiency of such funds as they may deem proper to offer in payment of State dues.

They therefore, report unfavorably on said petition.

G. W. GOLDSBOROUGH, JOHN C. BRUNE, C. W. JACOBS, W. E. SALMON, W. F. BAYLESS.

Also, offered the following order:

Ordered, That the select committee appointed to investigate the condition of the manufacturing department of the Maryland Penitentiary, be authorized to extend their investigation to the financial affairs and general management of said institution;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ford offered the following

PROTEST:

The undersigned, members of the House of Delegates, respectfully ask leave to enter this their protest upon the journal, against a decision of the Honorable, the Speaker, sustained by the vote of the House.

The decision to which the undersigned refer, was to the effect that when a House bill is returned to the House with a Senate amendment, the bill is before the House as upon its