

GAME BILLS.

Senate Bill No. 296 (Ch. 356), Senate Bill No. 300 (Ch. 341), House Bill No. 200 (Ch. 253), House Bill No. 339 (Ch. 293) and House Bill No. 504 (Ch. 399) are all local fish and game bills for Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Garrett County or Baltimore County. They are covered by the State-wide Game Bill, Senate Bill No. 105, which I am approving, and the provisions of the State-wide bill repealing local legislation are such that in all probability these measures would be invalid anyhow. In any event, a State-wide Game Bill has, for the first time, been enacted in Maryland, and I do not think that local exceptions or departures from it should be made until its operation has been tried out. Accordingly, these bills will be vetoed.

House Bill No. 610 (Ch. 499) was apparently intended to protect dogs and foxes, but actually it makes it illegal to set traps except fifteen inches beneath the surface of the land, and not more than three feet from the edge of some stream. This would practically make it impossible to trap muskrats, mink and skunks at all, and, for this reason, it will be vetoed.

HOTELS.

(Chapter 667)

This bill provides that no matter how negligent an Ordinary or Inn Keeper, his servants or employees, may be, he shall in no event be liable for more than \$100 for the loss, theft or damage of jewelry or money, nor for more than \$500 for the loss, theft or damage of wearing apparel or personal belongings, which are not deposited with him in either case for safe-keeping. I have not been advised of any situation which makes a limitation of this kind necessary, and I am accordingly vetoing this bill.

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY AND HOUSE OF
CORRECTION.

Senate Bill No. 253 (Chapter 681) requires an eight-hour day for guards and deputy keepers at the Penitentiary and