

issues in each ought not to be made the same. Nearly 750 non-support cases were tried in Baltimore City last year, and to broaden the scope of such cases as this bill would do would be sure to cause serious congestion in the criminal courts.

The bill will be vetoed.

INFORMERS' FEES.

(Chapter 325, House Bill 145)

This bill purports to do away with Informers' Fees in all cases, except for violations of the fish and game laws. In doing this the bill provides that all fines and penalties, unless otherwise directed by law, shall be paid to the County or City where the same are imposed. Then the bill proceeds to repeal the provision of the existing law, which provides that fines and penalties for common law offenses shall be paid to the State.

Although informers' fees do not present a particularly serious situation in this State, yet I would like to see them abolished, and would sign a properly drawn bill with that end in view. There is, however, no occasion for the bill to deprive the State of fines and penalties it has always received from common law offenses. Last year these aggregated about \$45,000, and they are thus a substantial part of the State revenues which are counted on in the Budget.

I will, accordingly, veto the present bill, because it deprives the State of this long established source of revenue.

MISCELLANEOUS AUTOMOBILE BILLS.

(Chapter 441, Senate Bill 91)

This bill provides that the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City shall sell at public sale all abandoned, stolen or lawfully seized motor vehicles which are in his possession and are unclaimed for 90 days, the proceeds of sale to become part of the special police fund. At present, the Police Commissioner cannot sell such cars before the expiration of one year, and it would be desirable to enable him to dispose of them in 90 days. Senate Bill 91, however, does not require any advertisement of the sale, nor does it authorize the owner to receive the proceeds of sale in the event that he afterwards be-