

Endorsed "passed by yeas and nays;"

Which was read the first time; also,

A bill entitled, an act to amend the acts passed December session, 1843, chapter 174, and December session, 1849; chapter 373, reducing the tax on the auction licenses for Allegany county, referred to in said acts;

Endorsed "passed by yeas and nays."

Which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on Ways and Means;

Also, returned the following bills:

A bill entitled, an act to grant the leave of the Legislature to a sale of land to the vestry of Saint Paul's Parish, in Calvert county.

A bill entitled, an act to authorise the Circuit Court for Baltimore city to pass a decree for the sale of certain real estate, belonging to the Third Presbyterian church of the city of Baltimore and others.

A bill entitled, an act appropriating a sum of money to William A. Spencer, clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, for fees due him.

Severally "endorsed passed by yeas and nays."

The Speaker laid before the House the following report:

To the Honorable,

The House of Delegates of Maryland.

In obedience to your order, the undersigned herewith submits a report, embracing the information required by the same.

CLASSIFICATION AND GRADES OF GUANO.

By authority of the law passed by the Legislature at its session in 1854, the undersigned arranged and classified in distinct tables, the different varieties and qualities of Guano then imported, and has since made such additions as were necessary to embrace all subsequently received.

The varieties and grades as now adopted, and which have become the standards of inspection, are as follows:

1. PERUVIAN GUANO.

Peruvian Guano is exported by the Peruvian government to this country, from the Chincha islands, a small group lying off the port of Pisco, on the Peruvian coast, where it is deposited in large quantities. They are known as the North, Middle and South Islands, the supply here being received from the two former.