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Mr. Smith, of Baltimore city, reported favorably on a bill entitled, an act to regulate the inspection of tobacco in the city Baltimore, and to prescribe the duties of the inspectors, and for other purposes;

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Mr. Stirling, chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably on a Senate bill entitled, an act to amend the acts passed December session, 1853, chapter 174, and December session, 1849, chapter 373, reducing the tax on auction licenses for Allegany county; also, made the following

REPORT:

The committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Carroll county, setting forth that "Mechanics and others, of other States, have been manufacturing and trading in the State of Maryland, large quantities of machinery, to the injury of the mechanics of this State, and asking, that all persons, non-residents, who vend in this State, machinery manufactured out of it, may be required to take out a license for the privilege of selling such machinery;" beg leave to report that they have examined the subject, and are satisfied, that by the constitution and laws of the United States, such legislation as the petitioners desire, is prohibited to the General Assembly. The State of Maryland does not tax her own citizens for the privilege of selling articles of their own manufacture, and the committee are of the opinion that the State has no power to impose a tax on citizens of other States, who sell under the same circumstances. In addition, the patent laws of the United States give to the patentee of an invention, his agent or assignee, the right to sell the patented article any where in the United States, and as most machinery is patented, the proposed legislation would in this respect come in conflict with the jurisdiction of the United States, and the rights under the patent override the restrictions which the petitioners propose. The committee therefore ask that they may be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A. STIRLING, Jr., Chairman.

Mr. Alexander, from the committee on Judiciary, reported favorably on the Senate bill entitled, an act to make deeds and other instruments of writing defective in the acknowledgment or in the certificate thereof; also,

Reported favorably on the Senate bill, entitled an act to make valid the recording of a deed from William Williams and wife to George D. Racine, by the clerk of the Circuit Court for Cecil county; also,