

Mr. Tilghman, from a select committee, reported favorably on a bill entitled, an act to prevent the filling up of the harbors in Somerset county;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Sudler, of Queen Anne's county, reported favorably on a bill entitled, an act authorising the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's county to levy an additional tax upon the assessable property in School District No. 4, of said county;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Belt, from a select committee, reported favorably on a Senate bill entitled, an act for the preservation of the papers of James J. Chew, deceased, former sheriff of Prince George's county, so far as they relate to his office as Sheriff;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Spence, from a select committee, reported favorably on a bill entitled, an act supplementary to an act entitled, an act to authorize the Circuit Courts of this State and the Criminal Court of Baltimore city to appoint assistant counsel for the State to aid in the trial of criminal and other State cases pending in said courts, and to oblige the county commissioners of the several counties and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to provide payment for the services of said counsel, passed 27th of February, 1856, chapter 19.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication :

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Annapolis, Feb. 23d, 1858. }

To the Honorable,

The House of Delegates of Maryland :

The Comptroller of the Treasury Department respectfully requests of your Honorable body the immediate passage of an act appropriating a sum of money to be applied in repairing his office, as the damages sustained on yesterday, have rendered it totally unfit to be occupied in the discharge of his official duties.

Very respectfully,

Your obed't servant,

W. H. PURNELL, Comptroller.

Which was read and referred to committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Root presented a petition from sundry citizens of Frederick county, asking certain relief therein mentioned;