

On motion of Mr. Belt,

Leave was granted the committee on Judiciary to introduce a bill to regulate the rate of interest, and to provide penalties against usury, in this State, as required by sec. 49 of art. 3 of the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

Leave was granted the committee on Judiciary to introduce a bill for the relief of Ann Eliza Jones and Maria Susannah Jones of Queen Anne's county.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication:

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Annapolis, Jan. 14th, 1858.

To the Hon. John S. Berry,

*Speaker of House of Delegates.*

SIR:—I was unable to execute fully, the order of the Honorable House of Delegates of yesterday's date.

Governor Ligon had issued directions for hoisting of flag and firing a National Salute at 12 o'clock. Beyond that number of guns, for want of powder, it were impossible to have made any addition; and had it been otherwise, time was wanting to prepare cartridges.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient serv't.

JOHN WILMOT, *Adj. Gen.*

Which was read.

Mr. Magruder from the committee on Judiciary, reported a bill, entitled, an act to grant the leave of the Legislature to a sale of land to the vestry of St. Paul's Parish;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thruston, reported a bill entitled, an act to make valid and binding the survey of the taxable bounds of the city of Cumberland, as adopted and established by the Mayor and Councilmen of said city, on the fourth day of January in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and to extend the corporate powers of the Mayor and Councilmen of the city of Cumberland, over the said survey;

Which was read the first time, by special order the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following bill:

Entitled, an act confirmatory of the act passed at January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, appropriating the sum of