

wherein parties are empowered to agree in the appointment of of a special judge,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Stirling, from the committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably on the bill entitled, an act to assess and levy a tax upon property in this State heretofore exempt from the public assessment;

Which was read the first time; also,

Favorably on the Senate bill entitled, an act to regulate the fees of the notaries public of Kent, Cecil, Anne Arundel, Washington and Caroline counties;

Which was read the first time; also,

Favorably on the bill entitled, an act making an appropriation for the erection of a hospital for the insane of this State; Was read the first time.

Mr. Alexander, from the committee on Judiciary, reported favorably on the bill entitled an act to authorise the clerks of this State to make certain entries and to do certain acts, in the absence of the circuit judge;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. McKinstry, from the committee on Agriculture, reported favorably on the Senate bill entitled, an act amendatory of an act to establish and endow the Agricultural College in Maryland, passed at January session, 1856, ch. 97; also,

Favorably on the Senate bill entitled, an act for the protection of certain game in Howard county, and the several counties therein mentioned.

Mr. Stirling, chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably on a Senate bill entitled, an act relating to coupons paid and returned to the Treasurer, and certificates of stock purchased for the augmentation of the sinking fund and to repeal resolution No. 8, of December session, 1840.

On motion of Mr. Stirling,

The rules were suspended and said bill taken up for consideration, it being on its second reading,

Mr. Stirling proposed the following amendments:

Section 2, line 5, after the word "Legislature" insert the words "up to the close of the fiscal year next preceding the session.

In section 5, line 3, strike out the word "during" and insert "within ten days after the close of."

Section 5, line 5, strike out the word "now."