

manded by the free and reciprocal trade established by the United States in her commercial intercourse with Europe.

Resolved, That the onerous duties complained of rest alone upon tobacco of all the leading articles of American production.

Resolved, That in the event of a refusal on the part of the governments where said duties exist; to make a proper reduction of the same, the Government of the United States should impose countervailing duties on the products of those countries imported into the United States, and that other American interests ought to submit to such duties until equal justice be obtained.

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Maryland be requested to use their efforts to effect the objects described in the above resolutions.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Sudler, of Somerset,

Leave was granted to the Somerset county delegation to introduce a bill for the better regulation of the school system in Somerset county.

On motion of Mr. Hanway,

Leave was granted to the committee on Judiciary to introduce a bill to regulate the fees of justices of the peace and constables in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. Wickes,

Leave was granted to the Kent county delegation to introduce a bill for a lien law for said county.

On motion of Mr. Hanway,

Leave was granted the Harford county delegation to introduce a bill to be entitled, an act to allow the county commissioners of Harford county further time to complete their levy.

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

Leave was granted the committee on Judiciary to amend the act of 1853, ch. 220, relative to the powers of the commissioners of the several counties of this State.

Mr. Magruder, from the committee on Judiciary, reported favorably on the following bills:

A bill entitled, an act to provide for preparing, printing and distributing a general Index to the acts and resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland, from 1846 to 1858 inclusive.

Which was read the first time.