

Which was read and assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

And delivered the following bills :

A bill entitled, an act to authorise the commissioners of Cecil county to levy a sum of money for paying a balance due Levi Tyson, junior, James McCauley and Benjamin Miller;

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Lackland, Janney, Simpser and Crookshanks.

And a bill entitled, an act to confirm and make valid a certain deed therein mentioned ;

Read the first time and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Powder, chairman of the committee on Crimes and Punishments, to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, an act to punish certain trespasses in and near the city of Baltimore, reported the same without amendment;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Starr, chairman of the committee on Inspections, made the following

#### REPORT :

The committee on Inspections beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration the subject of tobacco inspection in Baltimore city; and from the evidence presented and information received, they are fully impressed with the opinion that this department of the inspections of the State—certainly the most important in interest to the State—calls for speedy action on the part of the Legislature, to extend the facilities which the State has provided for the inspections, and which are at this time so necessary to meet the great increase of tobacco over former years, constantly arriving in that city, for which the present warehouses are deemed insufficient. They would, in corroboration of their opinion, refer the House to the report of the committee on Inspections to this House last session, which declared, that at that time the then facilities, the buildings occupied and owned by the State, were insufficient to meet the demands for inspection and storage. The inspections that year did not amount to forty thousand hogsheads, and houses had to be rented by the inspectors to store tobacco, thus burthening the tobacco fund with much expense.

The inspections the last year have increased over the year then alluded to, about eight thousand hogsheads, and yet the facilities for its inspection and storage not extended. The consequence is, that some of the warehouses, and one in particular, the No. 3, have been under the indispensable necessity of renting, at high rates, houses for the storing of tobacco inspected, to make room for that constantly arriving for inspection. In the No. 3 house alone, the expense incurred for storage out was over \$1,500, a sum equal to the interest of \$25,000, which principal would erect a suitable and substantial house, and thereby save much to the State's tobacco fund. This fund is a fund separate and set apart from other funds in the Treasury, and whatever may now be the