

Leave was granted to Messrs. Phelps, Semmes, Buskirk, Owens and Crampton, to bring in a bill so to alter the Constitution of this State, as to establish biennial sessions of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Roberts,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Roberts, Brown and Handy of Somerset, to bring in a bill concerning steamboats and other vessels of this State.

Mr. Tuck, from the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, reported a bill entitled, an act concerning the abatement of suits ;

And a bill entitled, an act relating to the approval of trustee's bonds and injunction bonds ;

And a bill entitled, an act to regulate the fees of county surveyors ;

Which were severally read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Lecompte of Carroll,

The House took up the report of the select committee submitted on Friday last, on the order inquiring into the propriety of asking of the General Government to refund the sum of seventy-two thousand dollars, with interest, given by the State of Maryland to the General Government in the year 1790 ;

Read the second time by special order.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The word "parent" in the preamble was stricken out and the word "Federal" inserted.

On motion of Mr. Lecompte of Carroll,

The preamble was further amended by striking out from the words "with these facts" inclusive, to the word "delicacy" inclusive.

The question then recurred on assenting to the same,

And on being put, it was assented to and sent to the Senate.

The clerk of the Senate returned the following bills :

The bill entitled, an act to authorise the mayor and councilmen of the town of Cumberland to sell and convey lot number two hundred and eighty, in Beall's Addition to the town of Cumberland ;

The bill entitled, an act to repeal the third section of the act entitled, an act to make public a road in Prince George's county ;

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Robert A. Taylor, of the city of Baltimore ;

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of John N. Bowland, former sheriff and collector of Somerset county ;

The bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Equitable Life Insurance Society of Baltimore ;

The bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Presbyterian Church at Rehoboth, Somerset county ;

The bill entitled, an act to incorporate the German Tailors Beneficial Society of Baltimore ;

The bill entitled, an act to provide for the extension of the charter of the Fredericktown Savings' Institution ;