

Read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Morsell,

The amendments from the Senate to the bill entitled, an act for the relief of William Hance, clerk of Calvert county court, were assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Powder reported a bill entitled, an act fixing the compensation hereafter to be paid to the agents of this State, in all joint stock companies;

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The House took up the report of the committee on Ways and Means, on the order submitted by Mr. Tuck, instructing the said committee to examine the valuation of slaves under the present assessment laws, with a view to such changes and modifications as may be necessary to render the same more equal and uniform throughout the State, being the order of the day.

The question being on the substitute therefor submitted by Mr. Tuck—

On motion of Mr. Key,

The following amendment to the said substitute was then read and assented to:

Strike out in the sixth line of the first section of the said substitute the words "and fifty."

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

The following amendment was read and assented to:

Strike out all after the words "to wit" in the 4th line of the 1st section, to the end thereof, and insert "each slave of the age of fourteen and under, shall be rated and assessed at one hundred dollars; each male between the ages of fourteen and forty-five, at three hundred and fifty dollars; each male above forty-five, at one hundred dollars; each female between fourteen and thirty-six, at three hundred dollars; and each female over thirty-six, at one hundred dollars, except such as may be superannuated, infirm or otherwise inefficient.

Mr. Brown then moved to reject the said substitute;

On the question being put,

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays were required and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Sutton	Green	Nicols
Rasin	Lackland	Springer
Edes	Simpers	Gallagher
Murray	Janney	Starr
Hammond	Crookshanks	Spence
Walker	Clemments	Nesbit
Risteau	Dunbracco	Grove
Welsh	Roberts	Weber
Randall	Holland	Harne
Hall	Hearn	Griffith
Sherwood of T.	Taylor	Kilgour