

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Pickell submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of the Western Shore and the Librarian, be authorised and required to prepare, from the best authorities, a system or code for the government of common schools, and for the promotion of general education within the State of Maryland.

Resolved further, That the Librarian be authorized to purchase such books, not now in the Library, as may be deemed necessary for the effectual accomplishment of the object proposed in the above resolution.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Morsell reported a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Benjamin S. Ireland, administrator of Richard E. Ireland, late sheriff of Calvert county;

Read the first and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Buchanan, from the committee on Claims, stated that he was instructed by the said committee to make the following

REPORT:

The committee on Claims, to whom was referred the resolution submitted to the House on the 2nd instant, directing said committee to keep a diary, showing the number of days each member of the present Legislature does attend, and that no member or clerk be allowed any per diem for any day that he is not in attendance, except prevented by indisposition in the city of Annapolis, have had the said resolution under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That it will be impossible for the said committee to keep a correct diary of the attendance of the honorable members of the co-ordinate branch of the Legislature or the clerks thereof, unless the Senate shall think proper to direct one of their clerks to furnish the committee with the evidence of the attendance of the members of that body.

With regard to the members and clerks of this House, the committee have determined to allow pay to no member during his absence from his official duties, if that absence shall exceed eight days during the entire session, unless otherwise directed by the House.

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

Read the second time by special order, and

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the same be made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Mr. Hammond, chairman of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act