

On motion of Mr. Gaither,

Ordered, That the special committee raised to reform the Constitution of this State, be instructed to enquire into the propriety of reporting a bill so to alter the Constitution as to provide for biennial, instead of annual sessions of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Frazier,

Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice, enquire into the expediency of providing additional security for the protection of orphans' and their property, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

The Speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Worcester county, relative to the several sums of money paid by him into the Eastern Shore Treasury, within the year ending 30th of November last;

Which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Also a report from said clerk, relative to the attendance of the judges;

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Maxwell presented the report of the trustees of West Nottingham Academy;

Which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Macubbin submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's message, as relates to the Tobacco trade, be directed to report a resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to use their endeavors to have French Wines, Brandies, and Silks, subjected to duties equal to those imposed upon our Tobacco in the ports of France, and upon other articles of other ports, when a countervailing influence can be effected upon the policy pursued in relation to our Tobacco.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. E. A. Lynch reported a bill, entitled, an act to alter and regulate the mode of appointing lottery commissionres in this State;

Which was read the first time;

Mr. Lynch moved that said bill be made the order of the day for Wednesday next;

Mr. Gaither moved to make it the order of the day for Wednesday week next;

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Causin,

He was excused from serving upon the joint committee on the public printing, and Mr. Tuck was substituted in his place.

Mr. England submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the special committee on the Reform of the Constitution, be intructed to collect and print the constitution, as amended; for the use of the house;