

Mr. Nicols of Dorchester, made the following

REPORT :

The select committee to which was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of Somerset and Dorchester counties, asking for the establishment of a public ferry over the north east fork of Nanticoke river, from Sharpstown in Somerset county to Huffington's mill in Dorchester county, report, that they have given to the subject that consideration which a memorial so respectably signed is entitled to, and although they entertain the opinion that the public convenience would be promoted by the establishment of the ferry asked for, yet, in consideration of the great and onerous amount of taxation now levied, and about being levied upon the citizens of those counties, they do not now feel willing to add any thing to the public burthens that can be possibly avoided. They therefore report unfavorably on said memorial, and ask to be discharged therefrom.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Owens of Anne Arundel, from the committee on Inspections, to which was referred the bill entitled, a further supplement to an act entitled, an act to regulate the inspection of salted fish, passed at December session 1817, ch. 114, reported the same with the following amendment :

Strike out in the 5th line 1st section the word "three," and insert "four."

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,

Said bill was read the second time by special order ;

On motion of Mr. Owens of Anne Arundel,

The amendment proposed by the committee on Inspections was assented to.

On motion of Mr. Owens of Anne Arundel,

The following amendments were read and assented to :

Strike out the word "three," and insert "two," in the 4th line of the 2nd section.

And after the 2nd section insert the following as an additional section :

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That all barrels, half barrels and tierces, which shall be made or used for the purpose of packing or containing pickled fish, shall be made of sound well seasoned oak, ash, chesnut, pine or cyprus staves, free from flaws and worm holes, of light timber, not less than half an inch thick, with heading of the said kinds of wood, not less than five eighths of an inch thick, and sound and well seasoned, the said heading to be well planed or shaved, the barrels and tierces to be well hooped, with at least three hoops on each bilge, and three hoops on each chine, all of which shall be good hoops of sufficient substance, the barrel staves to be twenty-eight inches in length, and the heads to be sixteen and a half inches between the chines, and to contain not less than twenty-nine, nor more than thirty-one gallons, and the barrels, half barrels and tierces shall be made in a good and workmanlike manner, so as to hold the pickle; the tierces to contain not