

the passage of an act authorising him to resurvey certain lands therein mentioned ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice ; and

Mr. Lackland presented the petition of Richard I. Foard, of Cecil county, praying the passage of an act, to make valid a deed therein mentioned ;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Lackland, Cropper, Owen and Harris.

On motion of Mr. Ghiselin,

Ordered, That the committee on Inspections, inquire into the expediency of requiring all purchasers of lumber, at Port Deposit, for the purposes of sale, in the different counties of this State, to have a certificate from one or more of the Inspectors of lumber at that place, that the lumber which they offer for sale has been inspected and marked by one or more of said Inspectors.

On motion of Mr. Hollyday,

Ordered, That the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, inquire into the expediency of bringing in a bill to increase or alter the penalty, imposed upon persons, who may be convicted of aiding slaves to abscond from their owners—and also, to impose a penalty upon persons, who may be convicted of persuading or enticing slaves to abscond as aforesaid—and should they deem it expedient to do so, that they bring in a bill accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

Ordered, That the leave referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, on the 4th instant, to bring in a bill to alter and amend the Constitution and Form of Government, so as to provide for the election of County Clerks and Registers of Wills immediately by the people, from the consideration of which said committee was discharged, be referred to a select committee of three.

In pursuance whereof, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Stephenson, Yellott and Causin, the committee.

On motion of Mr. Yellott,

He was excused by the House, from serving on said committee.

The chair substituted Mr. Johnson, in the place of Mr. Yellott, who was excused from serving on said committee.

The rule being suspended.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The House took up for consideration, the bill from the Senate, entitled, an act for the relief of Normand Bruce, sheriff of Alleghany county ;

The said bill was then read the second time, by a special order, passed and returned to the Senate.

Mr. Poultney submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore, report to this House immediately, what rate of taxation will meet the interest of the State debt, without reference to the existing schemes of retrenchment.