

A communication enclosing sundry resolutions from the States of New Hampshire, Indiana, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations;

Which were read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

The bill reported by Mr. Potter, entitled, "an act relating to the fee books of clerks and keys of registers of wills of the several counties, Baltimore city, and Howard District in Maryland,"

Was taken up for consideration,

On motion of Mr. Potter,

Said bill was postponed until to-morrow.

The bill reported by Mr. Johnson, of Anne Arundel, entitled, an act to enable aliens to hold real property in this State,

Was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Fooks, entitled, an act concerning the draining of swamps and low grounds by the laying out and opening of public ditches,

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Hollyday, of Cecil,

Said bill was amended by inserting after the word "and" 10th line, 2nd. sec. the words "the said commissioners shall," also, after the word "awarded," 19th line same section insert "and all the said," 20th line, same section, strike out "must all act," and insert "are hereby required to qualify."

9th sec. 9th line, after the word "labor," insert "done on such ditch to such an amount as the managers may think right and proper."

10th sec. 11th line, strike out "said taxables," and insert "State of Maryland."

End of 10th section, add "and the said managers shall file the said bond in the office of the clerk of the county, where the same is given to be recorded with the other proceedings, and a copy of the same shall be evidence in any suit against said Treasurer."

End of 12th sec. "provided however, that the application may at any time thereafter be renewed and the same proceedings had as if no act or proceedings had been had in the premises."

15th sec. 3rd line, after the word "county," insert "refuse to act."

On motion of Mr. Hollyday, of Cecil,

Said bill was further amended by adding at the end thereof as additional sections the following :

Sec. 16. And be it enacted, That if any mill or mills be situated on any of the streams fed by the swamp or swamps proposed to be drained, on application of the owner or owners of such mill or mills, the court shall direct the commissioners appointed under the provisions of this act, to inquire into and make return of the amount of damage which may or shall be sustained by such owner