

The Speaker also, laid before the House, a report from John Waring, inspector of tobacco at State warehouse No. 1, in the city of Baltimore, relative to monies paid into the treasury of the State within the year ending on the 30th of November last ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Lynch,

Ordered, That the Register of Wills of Baltimore county, the clerk of Baltimore County Court, and the clerk of the City Court of Baltimore, respectively report to this House under oath, on or before the 20th of January, 1845, the dates of their commissions, the number of years that each has been in office; the gross amount of their receipts of fees and perquisites in each year as near as they can ascertain the same; the amounts they have annually paid for clerk hire; and that the clerk of the City Court state also, what sums he has received as commission for receiving and paying over the license money.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of A. A.

Leave was granted the committee on Ways and Means, to bring in a bill imposing a tax on collateral inheritances, distributive shares and legacies, to aid in paying the debts of the State ;

Also, leave was granted said committee to report a bill to create a State Board of Equalization, for the purpose of equalizing upon just principles, the value of property in this State, directed to be assessed and valued, under the act for the general valuation and assessment of property, passed at March session 1841, chapter 23, or any of its supplements.

On motion of Mr. Hollyday, of Cecil,

Leave was granted the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to bring in a bill declaratory of, and defining the rights of parties, plaintiff and defendant, of traversers, of appellants, and appellees in the several courts of justice in this State, of original and of appellate jurisdiction.

On motion of Mr. Randall,

Leave was granted Messrs. Randall, Freeman, Graves, Kilgour and Hollyday, of Cecil, to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to regulate conjugal rights as they regard property.

Mr. Kilgour submitted the following resolution :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore, be and he is hereby authorised to pay the several members of this General Assembly, and the several officers thereof, or to their respective orders, any sum or sums of money now due, or which from time to time may become due to them respectively, and for which they shall obtain certificates from the chairman of the committee on Claims of the present House of Delegates.

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, assented to and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Calvert from the joint committee of the two Houses, ap-