

The bill was then read the second time.

Mr. Smith, from the committee on Judicial Proceedings, reported a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the act passed on the 24th day of June, 1861, chapter 79, entitled, An act to repeal the 41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 48, and 112th sections of the 63d article, and the 5th section of the 8th article of the Code of Public General Laws, and the 741, 742 and 743d sections of the 4th article of the Code of Public Local Laws of this State, in relation to the uniformed and ununiformed militia and volunteer force in the several counties of this State and in the city of Baltimore, and the reclamation, custody, control, and re-delivery of arms heretofore delivered to the officers and men under them; and to add to the said 63d article of the Code of Public General Laws a section providing for the prevention and suspension of proceedings upon bonds heretofore given under the laws of this State for the return of such arms;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Eichelberger, from the committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

The committee on Corporations, to which was referred the bill to incorporate the Home Missionary Society of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, beg leave to report that, under the 47th section of the 3rd article of the Constitution of this State, corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by special act, except for municipal purposes, and in cases where, in the judgment of the Legislature, the object of the corporation cannot be attained under general laws; that, by sections 88 to 101 inclusive of the 26th article of the Code of Public General Laws, full provision is made for the formation of religious corporations, similar to the one proposed by the bill referred to your committee; that, in the judgment of your committee, all the objects and purposes sought by said bill can be attained under the above recited sections of the general laws of this State.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that said bill "do not pass."

GRAYSON EICHELBERGER,
JOHN EVERETT,
A. J. WILLIS,
JOHN S. WATKINS.

Committee on Corporations.

Which was read and adopted, and the bill rejected.