

of the Code of Public Local Laws, and to re-enact the following in lieu thereof, in relation to oysters ;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The hour having arrived for considering the Order of the Day, the President announced the bill entitled, An act to amend the 37th article of the Code of Public General Laws, by repealing the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5th sections of said article, relating to the competency of witnesses, and inserting in said article, in lieu of the sections so repealed, the following sections relating to the competency of witnesses and the examination of parties.

Mr. Smith submitted the following amendment :

In section 1, line 2, strike out the words "incapacity from crime or ;"

The question upon its adoption was determined in the affirmative by yeas and nays, as follow :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.	Heckart,	Townsend,
Goldsborough, Pt.	Jenkins,	Watkins,
Goldsborough, of	Lankford,	Whitaker
Dorchester,	Smith,	Willis—11.
Harrison,		

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Briscoe,	Everett,	Sellman,
Denison,	Firey,	Waters—7.
Eichelberger,		

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough, of Dorchester,

The vote upon the amendment was reconsidered, and

The bill recommitted to the committee on Judicial Proceedings.

The bill entitled, An act to compensate Joseph M. Palmer for professional services rendered under the appointment of the Governor, in the cases of the State *vs.* George Hape and the State *vs.* George Otto, in the Circuit Court for Carroll county.

Mr. Willis submitted the following amendment :

Strike out "two hundred" and insert "fifty ;"

The question upon its adoption was determined in the negative, and

The bill was rejected by yeas and nays, as follow :