

A bill entitled, An act to amend the 29th section of article 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to Calvert county, regulating the salary of the Crier of the Circuit Court.

Which was read the first time, and

Referred to Messrs. Briscoe, Firey and Watkins.

A bill entitled, An act to amend section 31st of article 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to Calvert county, regulating the per diem of jurors and bailiffs.

Which was read the first time, and

Referred to Messrs. Briscoe, Jenkins and Sellman.

A bill entitled, An act to amend section 72 of article 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to Calvert county, regulating the compensation of the sheriff for keeping and boarding prisoners in jail;

Which was read the first time, and

Referred to Messrs. Briscoe, Goldsborough, of Dorchester, and Townsend.

On motion of Mr. Sellman,

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire whether the office of Agricultural Chemist may not be dispensed with, and to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Sellman,

Ordered, That the committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries, be instructed to inquire whether the laws of the State in reference to dredging for oysters have been violated, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Billingsley submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, We are in the midst of a war, at the horrors of which, the heart sickens and repines, for the preparations foreshadowing this sanguinary conflict are the most extensive of modern times; and whereas, this conflict, no matter how it may terminate, must end in national derangement, as well as individual distress and ruin; and whereas, it is the policy as well as the interest of these United States, as far as is consistent with national honor and brotherhood, to cultivate the arts of peace and fraternal affection; and whereas, from recent indications in Congress, these solemn and grave questions do not seem to receive that calm and careful consideration, which the magnitude of the events surrounding us, so imperiously demand; and whereas, the existing relations between these United States and foreign Governments, by the communications from the President, are of the most intimate and friendly character; and whereas, Maryland, by her geo-