

in civil suit and return, reported said bill ought not to pass, and

The bill was rejected.

Said bill was then returned to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Firey, from the committee on the Library, submitted the following

REPORT :

Gentlemen of the Library Committee:

In compliance with your request, I herewith transmit my report.

Upon entering upon the duties of State Librarian, in May, 1861, I made an examination of the condition of the Library, the result of which, by reference to the printed catalogue, proved to me that many of the books specified, were not to be found upon the shelves of the Library, and that the receipts for some of the missing volumes could not be had. Being anxious to have them returned, I caused a notice to be printed and circulated throughout Annapolis, calling the attention of the citizens to the matter; after which many valuable books, some of which had been out for several years were returned to the Library. In addition to this, I employed a messenger to visit each and every house in this city, and by so doing secured the return of many of the magazines, &c., which the borrowers had overlooked.

I made application to the Legislature at their special session in Frederick city, for authority to make an inventory and catalogue, as none had been made or prepared since 1851, nor had any supplement been printed to show, what books had been purchased by or presented to the Library; in response to my request, the Legislature appointed a committee of three, composed of the president of the Senate, and two members of the House of Delegates, to examine into and report upon the affairs and condition of the Library, and also, to direct the making of a new catalogue.

The committee entered upon the performance of their duties, but in a few days thereafter, one of the members was arrested by order of the Federal Government, and the other two declined to act further, and for some weeks all operations were suspended, and as the Legislature had made no appropriation to pay the expenses of the catalogue, I was at a loss to know how to proceed, but upon consultation with the judges of the Court of Appeals, and other members of the bar, I determined under their advice, to proceed in making the new catalogue, which, aided by two clerks I have finished, had printed and bound, and respectfully call your attention to an examination of the same. The expenses of preparing,