

devised by the will of Solomon Betts, deceased, reported it without amendment.

The bill was then read the second time.

The following communication was received from His Excellency, Gov. Hicks, by the hands of G. W. Jefferson, Private Secretary :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

December 18, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I herewith transmit a copy of a letter received this morning from Gen. Foster, inviting the Legislature to attend a review of the troops at this post, to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

THOS. H. HICKS.

Gen. Foster presents his compliments to Gov. Hicks, and informs him that there will be a review of the troops at this post, to-morrow, at 10 o'clock. Gen. Foster begs that Gov. Hicks will do him the honor to be present, and that he will extend to the members of the Legislature, the Governor elect, and such other gentlemen as the Governor may desire, the General's request and invitation to be present. Gen. Foster will wait upon the gentlemen to escort them to the field, either at Governor Hicks' house or at the State House, as they may desire.

*Headquarters, Annapolis, Md., }
December 18th, 1861. }*

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The Chair appointed Messrs. Smith, Eichelberger and Heckart, a committee to make arrangements for accepting the invitation.

Mr. Smith, from the committee on Judicial Proceedings, to which was referred the bill entitled, An act to increase the number of constables and justices of the peace in Kent county, reported it without amendment.

The bill was then read the second time.

Also, from the same committee, reported without amendment, the bill entitled, An act to amend article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, by adding thereto the following sections, relating to the confinement of vagrants and persons committed by justices of the peace in default of security to keep the peace, in the jail of Baltimore city.

The bill was then read the second time.