

Mr. Reese, from a select committee, reported a bill entitled, An act to authorize the Court of Appeals to hear at the December term of the year 1861, certain appeals in cases of petitions for writs of mandamus for and in relation to the widening and opening of Holliday street, in Baltimore city;

Which was read the first time.

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of said article, relating to the competency of witnesses, and inserting in said article, in lieu of the sections so repealed, the following sections, relating to the competency of witnesses and the examination of parties;

Was reconsidered to a second reading, and was amended,

On motion of Mr. Creswell,

By inserting, after the word "dead," in 2nd line of 3rd section, the words "or insane;" and,

On motion of Mr. Price,

By adding the following section:

"Sec. 9. This act shall take effect from and after the first day of March next."

The bill was then read, by special order, a third time, and passed by yeas and nays, as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Berry, Sp'r,	Morton,	Wolf,
Smyth,	Bowie, Sr.,	Stockdale,
Walton,	Bowie,	Christopher,
Dunbar,	Kemp,	Reese,
Nutwell,	Smith,	Hugg,
Bond,	Duncan,	Taylor,
Magruder,	Purnell,	Mathews,
Johnson, Balt. co.	Hammond, of Fr.,	Pearson,
Given,	Coale,	Findlay,
Ensor,	Buhrman,	Davis, of Mont.,
Pearce,	Johnson, of Fr.,	Dunlop,
Harrison,	McCoy,	White,
Kerr,	Dove,	Lowe,
Gunby,	Lewis,	Chamberlain,
Turner,	Hardcastle,	Everhart,
Leckie,	Willis,	Hammond, How.
Creswell,	Price,	Donaldson,—53.
McIntire,	Warner,	