

Anne Arundel counties, to levy a sum of money to repair, or rebuild a bridge across the Patuxent river, known by the name of Bealmear's bridge;

Mr. Dougherty, from a select committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to make valid a deed from William D. Cropper and Rebecca W. Cropper his wife, of Accomac county, in the State of Virginia, to Thomas W. Holbrook, of Somerset county, and to authorise the clerk of the circuit court for Somerset county, to record the same;

Mr. Given, from a select committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to amend the charter of the Baltimore and Harford Turnpike Company, entitled, a further supplement to the act of 1815, chapter 48, passed December 3rd, 1816;

Mr. Willis, from a select committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to authorise the clerk of the circuit court of Caroline county, to deliver the dockets and other papers of William Lockerman, late magistrate, to his successor in office;

Which were severally read the first time.

Mr. Creswell, from the committee on Elections, submitted the following

REPORT:

The committee on Elections to whom was referred the Message of His Excellency, Thomas H. Hicks, late Governor of the State of Maryland, dated December 12th, 1861, enclosing a communication addressed to him by John B. Brooke, Esq., giving notice of the intention of said Brooke, to contest the right of Frederick Sasscer, Esq., to hold the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's county, have had the same, together with all the evidence and papers submitted to them, under consideration and respectfully report:

The Governor having sent the communication of the contestant hereto annexed, marked "Exhibit A," and the election returns for Prince George's county, also hereto annexed, marked "Exhibit B," to the House of Delegates the thirtieth section of the fourth article of the Constitution, makes it the imperative duty of the said House to judge of the election and qualification of the candidates, at such election for said Clerkship. Your committee are therefore of opinion that the requirements of the Constitution, as well as considerations of public policy, demand that this contest shall be finally disposed of during the present session of this House.

In the communication of said contestant, there are stated two grounds of contest:

1st. That by the intimidation of legally qualified voters, and other illegal and fraudulent acts of residents of Prince