Whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly that Dr. Philip T. Tyson, State Chemist, is willing to continue and complete the geological survey of the State, without salary; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegate, that Dr. Philip T. Tyson, State Chemist, be and he is hereby authorised and requested to continue and complete (without salary,) the Geological survey of the State—a work of great value and importance to the agricultural and other industrial interest of the State, and for which by education, skill and experience, Dr. Tyson is pre-eminently qualified; and in making such survey, the said Geologest is requested to indicate as minutely as possible, the formation of rocks, clays and marls, and also, the deposit of ores, coal and other mineral substances now known, or which may hereafter be discovered; and that he report to the Governor, so soon as such survey shall have been completed.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Donaldson, from the committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Richard W. Hook, former sheriff of Baltimore county;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. J. J. Bowie, from a select committee, reported favorably upon the Senate bill to allow J. T. Hoxton, late collector of taxes of Prince George's county, further time to complete his collections;

Which report was received, and The bill laid on the table.

Mr. Herbert, from a select committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to designate the place for holding elections in district number three, in Washington county;

Which was read the first time.

The hour having arrived for considering the Order of the Day, the Honorable, the Speaker announced the bills reported by the committee on Claims.

The bill entitled, An act appropriating a sum of money to pay the claims of John de la Camp, R. V. Clayton, B. H. Spencer, George Johnson, James S. Waters, E. G. Hyde, Hayward, Bartlett & Co., Samuel Stewart, P. C. Clayton, J. H. Skinner, Noah Porter, H. A. Sheeger, J. Wesley White, J. H. Longnecker, E. M. Shipley, G. M. Taylor, Larimour & Co., James Sheehy, John Murphy & Co., and Thomas E. Dell;

Was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays, as follow: