

works for Hyattsville, Prince George's county, and maintenance of the same,' approved on the 7th day of April, 1900, to make corrections thereon, to ratify an election held thereunder, and to provide for the issue of bonds by the Mayor and Common Council of Hyattsville."

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Mr. Moses presented the following communication accompanying said bill :

Honorable Jacob M. Moses,

Senate, Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sir :—At the last session of the Legislature, a bill was passed to enable the town of Hyattsville to put in a water supply and to raise \$30,000 by the issue of its bonds. Thinking that they could get the money whenever they chose to issue the bonds, they entered into contracts for boring wells and putting the pipes through the town. Early in the present year, they offered their bonds for sale, and sold them, first to Hambleton and Company, Bankers, here; and afterwards to Dick and Company, Bankers, in Philadelphia, when they had been rejected by the Hambletons. Dick Brothers also rejected them afterwards, and in each case the rejection was on the advice of counsel that the town could not properly issue them. Two difficulties occurred; the first might have been remedied, but the second could not be: The first difficulty was that of a mistake in the drafting of the law. The interest, instead of being made to run from the issue of the bonds, was made to begin six months after the issue, so that there was a lapse of six months, when there was no interest. The other difficulty was, that they failed to give the notice of the election in the form required by the statute, although they held the election, and nearly all the citizens of the town voted for the issue. We were consulted by Dick Bros., and were reluctantly obliged to reject the bonds upon these grounds; and we have been asked by the authorities of the town to explain the case to the Legislature. They have gone on in reliance upon their ability to raise the money, and put down three large artesian wells, which give an ample supply of fine water, but they have