

the loss of the said negro's services during the time of his imprisonment; and the same shall be levied and paid by Anne Arundel county, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, in the same manner that masters are compensated for the loss of service of slaves convicted in the courts of this State.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hicks, from the committee on corporations, to which was referred the bill from the senate, entitled, an act to regulate the right of voting by the stockholders in the several incorporated institutions in this State, reported the same with the following amendment.

Amendment proposed.

Strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill, and insert the following:

"That whenever any five or more of the stockholders of any private corporation, created by the State, at least thirty days prior to an election for managers, directors or other officers of any such corporation, elected by the stockholders thereof, shall give notice in writing of their intention to canvass the votes which may be given at the next ensuing election thereof, by a notice delivered at the usual place of business thereof, to the president, cashier, secretary, treasurer, director or other principal manager of any such company, it shall be the duty of the officer so receiving such notice immediately to communicate the same by mail to all the stockholders of such corporation living in the State

Sec. 2 And be it enacted, that upon proof made to the judges of any such election of such notice having been delivered as aforesaid, by any five stockholders, it shall be the duty of such judges before receiving their votes, to require all stockholders offering to vote in person, the stock in any such corporation, standing in his or her names, the following oath or affirmation - I do solemnly swear or affirm, that the stock which I now propose and offer to vote in the election of the \_\_\_\_\_ is my sole and bona fide property or belongs solely and bona fide to me and my partner or partners in trade," "or is held by me as trustee, or in some fiduciary relation to be specified in such oath," and that my right and title to the same has been fairly and bona fide, and not colorably, nor fraudulently created or required and not with any intent to increase the number of votes which would otherwise be allowed to said stock, nor in any manner directly or indirectly, to violate avoid or evade the standard of voting as fixed, either by the charter of the