

and purchase the lands commonly called the Choptank Indian lands, in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this State, and to repeal the act of Assembly therein mentioned;

Ordered, That Messrs Hicks, Eccleston and Alexander report the same.

Mr. Worthington obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act to repeal so much of the act to limit and define the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, passed at December session 1834, as relates to Baltimore county;

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, McLean and Show-er report the same.

Mr. Brengle, from the select committee, delivered the following report,

The committee to whom were referred the memorial of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying that the act proposing to confirm the act proposing to erect Carroll county, may not be confirmed, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that the said memorial should be part of the order of the day with Carroll county bill, on Wednesday, and therefore submit the following order:

Ordered, That the said memorial be part of the order of the day, Wednesday, and accompany the same.

Which was twice read, and adopted.

Mr. Ridgely, from the select committee, delivered the following report:

The undersigned, composing a majority of the special committee raised for the purpose of inquiring into the propriety of passing a law prohibiting the wearing of dirks, pistols, Bowie knives, or other deadly weapons, except by military men, while in service, and making the wearing of such weapons, by private citizens, a penal offence, beg leave to report—

That they are deeply persuaded of the injurious and fatal consequences which frequently result from the habitual carrying of deadly weapons about the persons of private citizens. In the heat of the moment, when the blood is warm with the idea of wrong, and means of redress or revenge are at hand, deeds of the darkest crime are committed, which, without the ready aid of deadly weapons, would never have been perpetrated. But from the examination which the undersigned have given to the subject, they are not prepared to recommend the adoption of penal legislation as a preventive. The innocent, who carry these dead