

pations, is a practice from which much evil is continually flowing, and which is in itself calculated to throw us back into the state above described, where men wait not for the slow operation of law, but having, as they suppose, the power in their own hands, attempt to redress their wrongs and avenge their injuries, by a resort to the old mode of violence and force. Your committee believe that a glance at the present aspect of our country will fully establish these points, that wherever the practice of wearing arms is common to the population, *there* are acts of violence and blood, and a disregard to the laws also common; and that this disregard of law and resort to violence is always in exact proportion to the prevalence of the custom spoken of. If these facts be established, then your committee think that there cannot be a doubt of the propriety of discountenancing, by legislative authority, a practice fraught with so much evil, and from which no good can possibly result; and they therefore most respectfully urge upon the house the passage of such a law as it shall in its wisdom conceive best calculated to banish from our State all scenes of violence and blood, and to establish, in their place, the undisputed reign of justice, order, and law. In conformity with the above suggestions, the committee herewith submit the outline of a bill, which they ask the house to consider; and if it should appear calculated to lessen the evils complained of, they indulge the hope that it will be sanctioned by their approval, and be incorporated among the laws of the State.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Beale H. Richardson, Chairman.

Which was read, and the report and substitute ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Richardson reported a bill entitled, an act to prohibit the wearing of pistols, dirks, Bowie knives, and other deadly weapons;

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

Mr. Alexander submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Governor and Council be and they are hereby authorised, in their discretion, to employ additional counsel to aid the Attorney General in the defence of the suit now pending between the city of Baltimore and Robert Lemmon, one of the Auctioneers in the city of Baltimore, wherein the validity of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, entitled, an act to regulate sales by public auction, passed at Decem-