

On motion of Mr. Franklin,

The bill entitled, An act to incorporate the Baltimore City Passenger Rail Road Company,

Was taken up, and ordered to be printed.

The bill entitled, An act to make valid the qualification of Levi Rice; one of the Commissioners of Allegany county,

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill entitled, An act to make valid the bond of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard county,

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill entitled, An act to make valid the qualification of James Anderson, of Montgomery county, as Surveyor of said county,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Duvall, from a select committee, reported a bill entitled, An act authorizing the Commissioners of Montgomery county to levy a certain sum of money for George P. Atwood;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Goldsborough, of Talbot, presented the following joint report of the joint committee, as to drafting bills under the Code:

The Committee on the Constitution on the part of the Senate, and the Committee on the Judiciary on the part of the House, beg leave to submit the following joint report:

That, as required by the action of both Houses, they have examined with care the modifications and changes necessary to make existing legislation conform to the provisions of the Constitution and the Code as adopted; and as the result of their consultations, submit the following forms, by which legislative proceedings shall hereafter be conducted.

The Constitution requires that an Act should embrace but one subject, and that shall be described in the title (see 17th section of 3rd Article). This applies to bills after the adoption of the Code, as well as before; therefore, every bill should describe its subject in its title. By the same section, after the adoption of the Code, all laws passed shall be in articles and sections, to suit the Code. Some alteration in the titles of bills will be required, when the following forms, or forms to the like effect, would suit: