

introduce the bills abovementioned. After the adjournment of the Senate, at 3 o'clock, the Committee on Judicial Proceedings were notified to meet at 5 o'clock, to consider them. The Committee met, and the reading was dispensed with for want of time. The vote was taken upon the question whether the Chairman should be instructed to report favorably. It was decided affirmatively, by the majority. We dissent from that determination, because we understand the bills differ—whether materially or not, we are unable to state, not having had time to examine them—from the bills on the same subject which were, on the 23d inst., obtained under an order, from the House of Delegates, and yesterday returned thereto by another order. We have had no opportunity of ascertaining the points of difference, nor time to give to the original bills, or the substitutes, that consideration and examination which their grave, serious and important character imperatively demands. We are convinced, however, from the necessarily superficial investigation of them which we have made, that they contemplate results to which we cannot lend our sanction; that they are violation of the dearest and most cherished rights of the people of Baltimore; strike a fatal blow at the fundamental principles of our government; make Democracy a meaningless term in practice; trample upon the Constitution we are sworn to support, and establish a precedent in Maryland legislation unjust, illiberal, and unwarranted in its character, and calculated to excite the most violent passions of our nature, and occasion consequences which every patriot must earnestly deprecate, and which it is his solemn duty to prevent.

We cannot, in this report, enter into detailed objections to the provisions of the various bills. They have been foisted upon us, as we conceive, with undue and unnecessary haste, precluding us from the means and disposition to make them, by amendments or modifications, acceptable to the people, and worthy of our support and sanction; and we content ourselves, at this time, by presenting this, our report, protesting against the manner of their introduction, and their passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. E. SMITH,

CHARLES F. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Which was read.

Mr. Goldsborough, of Dorchester, moved that the said bills, together with the minority report, be made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Yellott demanded the yeas and nays, which appeared as follow :