

extolling, before this body, the principle or principles of secession, or using any language, in speech or debate, deemed by a majority of its members, then present, at war or offensive to the Divine principle of human rights and free Government, will justly subject himself to instant expulsion;

Which the Speaker ruled out of order.

Mr. Lester presented the following order :

Ordered, That the committee appointed to visit the Maryland Hospital and other charitable institutions, be and are hereby requested to visit the Maryland Penitentiary, and report on the affairs of the same ;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Frazier,

The rules were suspended, and the following petitions presented :

By Mr. Frazier, from the grain measurers of the city of Baltimore, praying for an increase for measuring grain;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Inspections.

By Mr. Duncan, from James G. Townsend and thirty-four other citizens of Worcester county, praying for the passage of an act for a general assessment of property in this State;

Which was read and referred to the joint select committee upon assessment of the property of the State.

Mr. Ireland presented the following order :

Ordered, That the committee appointed to proceed to Baltimore and inspect the State tobacco warehouses, and report to this House, be increased to six members, and have power to appoint a clerk;

Which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Tyson,

Leave was granted the committee on the Judiciary to introduce a bill to amend the law of evidence, relating to the competency of witnesses.

On motion of Mr. Hoffman,

Leave was granted the Baltimore county delegation to introduce a bill to empower the commissioners of Baltimore county to borrow money for the purpose of paying bounties to volunteers to fill up the quota of Baltimore county, and thereby prevent another draft.