

recruiting officers to visit the District of Columbia and other places, in order to secure volunteers and fill up the quota of Maryland;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Ridgaway, from the committee on the Contingent Fund, submitted the following

REPORT.

The committee on the Contingent Fund respectfully report that they have examined the vouchers relating to the expenditure of that fund for the year 1862 and 1863, and find such expenditures to amount to the sum of \$3,724 38 in the gross; which is less than the amount appropriated by the Legislature of 1862 to that fund by \$2,275 82, and your committee beg leave further to report that they have carefully examined vouchers relating to the expenditure of the fund appropriated by the Legislature of 1862, for the purpose of repairing and furnishing the Government House, and find that the sum of \$3,002 13 has been expended of that fund, which leaves a balance of \$997 87 still unexpended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. RIDGAWAY,

Chairman Committee on Contingent Fund.

Which was read.

Mr. McCoy, from the committee on Claims, reported favorably Senate bill entitled, "An Act to compensate Edward W. Belt, State's Attorney for Prince George's county, for professional services rendered the State of Maryland under an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at January session, 1860, chapter 326;"

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Boswell, from the committee on Corporations, reported favorably Senate bill entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Big Vein Coal Company ;"

Which was read the second time.

Also, favorably Senate bill entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Baltimore Academy of Music ;"

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Stockbridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported unfavorably a bill entitled, "An Act to modify and explain the true interest and meaning of an act entitled, 'an act to confirm the purchase of the railroad of the George's