

Ordered, that Messrs. Beam, Hillen, and Goldsborough report the same.

Mr. Carpenter, chairman of the committee on corporations, reported a bill, entitled, an act to authorise the extension of the New Castle and Frenchtown Rail Road to Turkey point.

Mr. Mann reported, a bill, entitled, an act to authorise the commissioners of Washington county to build a bridge over the Antietam creek at Lewis Zegler's ford.

Mr. Mann also reported a bill, entitled, an act to increase the allowance to the sheriff of Washington county for keeping debtors in jail;

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

The bill reported by Mr. _____ entitled, an act for the relief of Richard Johnson and Joseph G. Johnson, insolvent debtors;

The bill reported by Mr. Tall, entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Dorchester county, and

The bill reported by Mr. Wilmer, entitled, an act relating to indigent out pensioners in Queen Anne's county,

Were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time and passed.

The bill reported by Mr. Coombs, entitled, an act for the regulation of gates on the public roads in Prince George's and Charles counties,

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Hughes, said bill was amended by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"If any person or persons shall hereafter tear down, destroy, remove or leave open any gate, on any public road in Prince George's or Charles counties, when the same shall be strongly and substantially made, and so hung as not to cause unnecessary delay or hindrance to travellers on said road, he or she shall be liable to prosecution before a justice of the peace or magistrates' court in the county in which said offence shall have been committed, in the name of the State as, a misdemeanor; and if a slave, to be punished by the infliction of any number of stripes not exceeding thirty-nine, at the discretion of the justice of the peace or magistrates' court before whom the case shall be heard and determined, and any other person or persons so offending may be punished at the discretion of said justice of the peace or magistrates' court, by fine, not exceeding ten dollars, to be recovered as other fines are recovered for the use of the county in which said offence shall have been committed.

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Hillen, the house took up for consideration the bill from the senate, entitled, a further additional supplement to the act, entitled, an act for the better regulation of the militia