

county, for the repeal of the act supplemental to the act incorporating the Tide-water Canal Company,

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

Referred to Messrs. Ricaud, Tidball and Goldsborough.

Mr. Jones, from the committee to which the leave was granted, reported a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the infant children of Preston McComas, late of Horford county, deceased.

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

The Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock, P. M.

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#### FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

Present the same Senators as before the recess.

Mr. Bowie presented the memorial of Sarah Hilleary, widow of Thomas Hilleary, for relief,

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Bowie, Kent and Lee.

Mr. Bowie from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act supplementary to an act entitled, an act for the encouragement of primary schools in Prince George's county, reported that the committee were of opinion it ought to pass with the following amendment,

Which was read and assented to:

Additional section, between the 4th and 5th sections:

And be it enacted, That if the owner or owners of any land, condemned by the commissioners appointed under the provisions of this act, be dissatisfied with the damages allowed by said commissioners, or be an infant, feme covert, or non compos mentis, it shall be the duty of the commissioners to apply in writing to some Justice of the peace in said county, stating the facts, and said Justice shall issue his warrant, directed to the sheriff of said county, returnable not less than twenty days from the date thereof, commanding him to summon a jury of twelve disinterested freeholders to value and assess the same, and the guardian, husband or committee of said infant to appear on the return day aforesaid, if they deem fit, and the said sheriff, upon the return day aforesaid, shall swear or affirm the said jurors, on the premises well and truly to assess the damages sustained by the owner or owners, 'without partiality or prejudice;' and the inquisition of the same under the hand and seal of said sheriff and said jurors, shall be returned to the county court of said county, to be ratified and confirmed by said court, for excess or inadequacy of dam-