Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on the militia.

Also, delivered a bill entitled, an act to amend the 1st section of an act entitled, an act to establish magistrates courts in the several counties of this state, and to prescribe their jurisdiction, passed at December session 1835, chapter 201, so far as relates to Cecil county,

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Wright,

Hambleton and Goldsborough

Mr. Jones from the committee on finance, under an order of the 19th instant, submitted the following report,

Which was read the first time.

The committee on finance, who were instructed, under an order of the 19th inst, "to report to the Senate the period at which all existing lottery grants will expire; and whether the amount heretofore paid to the University may not be applied annually in future, to the extin guishment of the sum granted from the proceeds of Lotteries, to the Washington monument," have considered the same, and with a view to obtain the information required, corresponded with the Lottery Commissioners and the Treasurer of the Western Shore, whose communications, your committee believe, contain the desired information, and are herewith annexed, and made part of this report:

S. JONES, Jr. From the Committee on Finance.

Office of the Commissioners of Lotteries, Baltimore, January, 1838.

To the Hon. William U. Purnell, Chairman of Com. on Fnance, of the Senate:

Sir,—The Commissioners of Lotteries have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d inst, stating that "the committee on finance have been directed to report the period at which all existing lottery grants in the state will expire; and whether the debt due to the University is paid off;" also, "whether the debt (or amount) heretofore paid to the University, may not now be paid to the extinguishment of the amount due or granted to the Washington monument, and if you can impart this information, we shall be pleased to have your views on this point."

In reply thereto, the Commissioners of Lotteries have the honor to state, that they are now under contract for drawing of schemes for the existing Lottery grants of this state, having included them within their state contracts, to as great an extent in amount as the sum therein contracted to be raised, and the demands on the same, under provi-

sions of acts of Assembly in relation thereto will admit.

The amount authorised to be raised by law on these grants, is thirty-one thousand dollars, (31,000,) and deducting therefrom, seven thousand dollars, (7,000,) two thousand dollars (2,000) of which was