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MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

ANNAPOLIS, January 10, 1860.

SENATE.—Mr. Duval presented the report of Dr. Stewart upon the Insane Asylum.

The following leaves to introduce bills were granted:—By Mr. Duval, to refund Mary A. Cissel a sum of money; also, for the relief of George P. Atwood; also, to pay the accounts of J. G. Hesling; also, to have bound certain records in the office of the clerk of Montgomery county.

On motion of Mr. Duval, a message was sent to the House proposing the appointment of a joint committee to visit the Maryland State Lunatic Asylum, and having Messrs. Lynch, Bradley, and McLaughlin on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough, it was ordered that the committee in Judge Stamp's case have leave to act in conjunction with the committee of the House on the same subject.

The Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.—Mr. Freener presented an additional memorial from 507 citizens of Baltimore city, in relation to the frauds perpetrated in said city at the State election, &c. The memorial states that of the 507 memorialists, 87 only voted; 81 did not vote because of violence to their persons, 231 did not vote because of intimidation, and 88 assigned no reason for not voting.

Mr. Freener presented the memorial of D. D. Gill, stating that the amount of business in the Criminal Court of Baltimore is ample for the occupation of five judges; which number being prohibited by the constitution, he accompanies his memorial with a draft of a bill not conflicting with the constitution, providing whenever by reason of sickness or any other cause, any of the judges of the courts of this State is unable to sit in any cause, and any judge of any court of this State shall certify that fact to the Governor, the Governor shall appoint a judge to try such cause; but also provides that in every such cause in Baltimore city the Governor shall confine his appointment to some judge in Baltimore city, and in every such cause in any county to some judge in any other county.

Mr. Linthicum obtained leave to report a bill repealing that part of the code (sec. 535, art. 4) relating to the appointment of inspectors and censors of firewood, and to restore said appointments to the Governor.

Mr. Farren offered resolutions that the adjutant general furnish Captain John Bond, of Calvert county, with sixty Minnie rifles, &c.; which lies over one day under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Miller, Brisces, and Harding a committee to consider the propriety of adopting the 29th rule of the Senate, which rule provides that the Senate will not pass any private acts in cases where the courts or existing laws afford competent relief.

Mr. Harding offered a message to the Senate concerning their message to appoint a committee to examine into the condition of the State Lunatic Asylum, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Harding, Wilson, of Harford, and Miller, on the part of the House.

THE USURY LAW OF MARYLAND.—The new code of revised laws, just adopted by the Legislature of Maryland, and which is now in force, contains the following in relation to usury:

Sec. 1. Interest may be charged or deducted at the rate of six per centum per annum, and the same may be calculated according to the standard laid down in Rowlett's Tables.

2. No plus or minus shall be available against any legal or equitable assignee or holder of any bond, bill, obligator, bill of exchange, promissory note, or other negotiable instrument, who has such assignee or endorser or holder shall receive the same for a bona fide and legal consideration, without notice of any usury in the creation or subsequent assignment thereof.

If any person shall exact, directly or indirectly, for the loan of any money, goods or chattels, to be paid in money above the value of six dollars for the forbearance of one hundred dollars for one year, and so after that rate for a greater or less sum, or for a longer or shorter time, he shall be deemed guilty of usury.

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