

merous class of citizens who have not shewn themselves open to any censure.

What benefit could possibly be derived by a change in the appointment of inspectors, and vesting it in the governor and council? On the contrary, the committee fear that great confusion would ensue in the inspection, and consequent injury to all classes of society connected in any way with the article of flour. The proposed alteration contemplates the appointment of an inspector from Washington or Frederick county, who would of course be especially charged with the protection of that particular part of the state. The other two inspectors, taken from the remaining part, would be obliged to resist the effort to give the Howard street flour any superiority over the wharf flour, and thus there would be constant dissention and confusion. Unless the system were pursued as it is now, one of these two changes would be effected; either the standard of the wharf flour would be raised, or that of the Howard street flour diminished. Either would be productive of serious loss to all those counties from which the water-borne wheat is now brought. The whole of the eastern shore, and all the lower counties of the western shore would suffer by the abandonment of a system, which in practice works well, for the purpose of introducing a novel and dangerous experiment, which will probably visit so large a portion of the state with evil and loss, before its errors can be corrected.

Read and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill relative to the flour inspection.

Mr Estep obtained leave to bring in a bill regulating the height of fences, and providing for trespasses committed by horses, mules, black cattle, sheep and hogs, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Estep, Edelen, Worthington, Banning and Eccleston, report the same.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the purchase of the office papers formerly belonging to the surveyor's office of Frederick county. Ordered, That Messrs. Barnes, Cockey, and Farquhar, report the same.

The further supplement to the act, entitled, An act declaring what shall be evidence in certain cases therein mentioned. The bill for the relief of Mahaly Cooper, of Caroline county; the bill to authorise William Plummer to manumit the negro therein named; the bill to divorce John T. Shanks and Lydia Shanks his wife, of Dorchester county; and the bill to provide a plan for the safe keeping of the records of Somerset county, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The engrossed bills from No. 40 to No. 65 inclusive, were severally read, assented to, and sent to the senate. The clerk of the senate returns the same, severally endorsed "read and assented to."

Mr Kennedy obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the extinguishment of the stock held by stockholders in the Potomac company, and of the debts due to the creditors of the said company. Ordered, that Messrs. Kennedy, Perry and Chapman, report the same.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act to divorce Horatio N. Sherwood, and Elizabeth his wife, of the city of Baltimore.

On the second reading of the bill relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, Mr. Williams moved to strike out the words "who is hereby required," to insert the words "shall thereupon," in the first section. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Ridgaway to insert the following after the word