

plaintiffs for the property replevied, and for nominal damages and costs."

Which was read and assented to. The bill was then read a second and by special order a third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Scott from the committee to whom was referred the bill to punish such persons as destroy indexes or pointers on public lands, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendments:

1st. Strike out the words, "collected as all such fines are collected" in the 5th line, and insert the words "to be recovered and collected as other small fines."

2nd. Add as an additional section, "And be it enacted, That in any prosecution under this act, the informer shall be, and he is hereby made a competent witness upon the fact."

Which amendments were read and assented to; the bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion, the additional supplement to the act to regulate the inspection of lumber, was referred to Messrs Brownley, Miller and Claude.

Mr. Scott from the committee, made a favorable report upon the bill to relieve executors and administrators from the obligation of performing the duties of guardians, as is required by an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty, chapter one hundred and seventy four; the bill was then read a second time, and laid on the table.

The resolution in favor of Robert Stewart; was read a third time by special order, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Scott from the committee, made a favorable report upon the bill to authorise limited partnerships within this state; and on motion, the bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Scott from the committee, reported a bill to be entitled, a further supplement to the act to declare and enlarge the powers of the court of chancery, and the county courts, as courts of equity; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a resolution in favor of William Robertson; which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs Quinton, Miller and Orrell.

Also, a resolution to confirm the acts of certain commissioners appointed by Somerset county court; which was read the first time, and laid on the table.

And returned the bill to authorise the use of the testimony