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Mr. Whitely from the Committee to whom was referred, the bill to establish magistrates courts in the several counties of this state, for the trial of assaults, and assaults and batteries, reported that a majority of the committee were opposed to the said bill, but beg leave to report the same with the following amendments, viz. 1st, In the 10th section and 3d line after the word "the," insert the words "clerk of the." 2d, In the 13th section and 2d line after the word "the" insert the words "clerk of the;" which amendments were read and assented to. The bill was then read a second time.

Mr. Johnson from the committee, to whom was referred the bill to incorporate the Methodist Preachers Aid Society, of Baltimore, reported the same with the following amendment, viz. after the word "real" in the 15th line, 1st section, insert the words, "and personal;" which amendment was read and assented to. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time passed, with the proposed amendment, and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion the bill for the relief of Margaret Johns Key, was referred, to Messrs. Forrest, Johnson and Herbert.

Mr. Herbert from the committee, to whom was recommit-
ted the bill to prevent boats and other vessels from taking sand from that part of the eastern branch of the Potomac river lying and being in Prince Georges county, reported the same with the following amendments: viz. add the following as additional section. "And be it enacted, That if the owner or owners of any boat or boats, seized under this law or his or their agent, shall within ten days after such seizure enter into bond in a penalty of one hundred dollars, with security to be approved by the justice of the peace under whose warrant such boat or boats shall have been seized, conditioned to prosecute with effect an appeal to the next county court which shall be thereafter, then the said boat or boats shall be restored to such owner or owners.

And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the judges of Prince George's county court, at the next term of said court, after such bond is executed, to hear and determine the said appeal and give judgment therein as they do upon appeals from the judgments of justices of the peace. Provided always, that no keel boat exceeding twenty tons burthen, or exceeding four hundred dollars in value, shall be sold under this act, unless previous to such sale, notice be given by advertisements in two of the public prints in the District of Columbia, for three successive weeks of the time and place of sale, and description of said vessel. Which amendments were read and assented to. The bill was then read a second and by special order a third time, passed with the proposed amendments, and returned to the house of delegates.