

Mr. Whiteley asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Harrison during the remainder of the session.

Mr. Kennedy from the committee, reported a bill entitled, a supplement to an act respecting last wills and testaments, which was read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Herbert the senate proceeded in the second reading of the bill relative to the inspection of tobacco; the reading progressing from the 6th section of the bill, Mr. Kennedy moved to strike out the said section, which is in these words, to wit:

Section 6. And be it enacted, that the tobacco inspectors at the state ware houses in the city of Baltimore, who shall have power by virtue of this act, to enter on board any ship or vessel laying within the port of Baltimore, to search for any tobacco put on board for exportation, without being previously inspected, marked and branded as required by the laws of this state. Provided, that before any inspector shall enter on board any ship or vessel under this act, he shall take the following oath or affirmation, as the case may be, to be administered by any justice of the peace in this state, which oath or affirmation shall be reduced to writing, and kept by the justice of the peace before whom it may be made, that is to say, "I, A. B. tobacco inspector, appointed under an act to establish state ware-houses for the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore, do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, as the case may be, that I verily believe there is on board the ship or vessel, (naming the said ship or vessel) now lying in the port of Baltimore, intended for exportation, which has not been inspected, marked or branded agreeably to the inspection laws of this state;" and if any person or persons shall resist or obstruct the said inspector, in making such search or examination, every person so obstructing or molesting, the said officer on conviction thereof, on indictment before the city court of Baltimore, shall forfeit and pay for the use of the state, the sum of one hundred dollars, and the person or persons who shall have shipped such tobacco, shall forfeit the same together with forty dollars for each cask so shipped, the one half to the use of the officer or the person who shall prosecute therefor; the other half to the use of the state, to be recovered by action of debt before any justice of the peace, in the county court according to their respective jurisdiction, and the states' part of the said penalty to be paid over to the treasurer of the Western Shore for the use of the state; and if any person shall ship from any port in this state, other than the port of Baltimore, any tobacco not inspected and branded as directed by law, he shall forfeit the sum of forty dollars for each cask so shipped, the one half to the use of the person or officer who