

return the bill and amendments, hoping your house will concur in the amendments proposed by us.

By order,

L. Gassaway, Clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates returned the bill, entitled, An act to restrain and punish certain evil practices, endorsed, "will not pass."

M. Kennedy from the committee to which was referred the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the purchase of the office papers formerly belonging to the surveyor's office of Frederick county, and to repeal an act therein mentioned, reported the same with the following amendments, viz:

Amendments proposed.

Strike out the 2d, 3d and 4th sections of the bill, and insert the following in lieu thereof:

And be it enacted, That the levy court of Frederick county be and they are hereby authorised, if in their discretion they think the same right and proper, to appoint three commissioners to inspect, value and purchase, the certificates of surveys, resurveys, plats, and any other papers which they in their judgment may deem essential and important to the interests of the landholders, and other citizens of Frederick county, whether signed or not by the former surveyors of said county, and now in the possession of David Bowlus, and allow to the said David Bowlus such compensation as they shall deem just and reasonable.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the commissioners so appointed shall report their proceedings to the levy court aforesaid, and if they shall approve of the proceedings of the commissioners aforesaid, the levy court are hereby authorised and required to levy and assess on the assessable property of Frederick county, a sum sufficient to cover all expenses incurred under this act, to be collected and paid as other county charges are.

Strike out the 6th section and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"And be it enacted, That the levy court shall allow to the commissioners aforesaid such compensation for their services as the said court may think right and proper."

Which amendments were read and assented to.

The said bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, and passed with the proposed amendments.

Mr. Harrison moved that the senate reconsider the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act to prevent the