

Mr. Mayer from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to provide for the widening of a part of Wagon Alley in the city of Baltimore, reported that the committee had had said bill under consideration and were of opinion it ought not to pass.

It was read the second time.

Mr. Sappington from the committee to which was referred the bill for the benefit of the Bank of Westminster in Frederick county, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second, and by special order the third time, passed, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Dennis from the committee on finance to which was referred the resolution in favor of Joshua Guyton, sheriff of Harford county, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second time.

Mr. Dennis from the committee on finance, submitted the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution directing the treasurer to return to Meshach Browning thirty five dollars, the amount of the composition money paid by him to the state, for certain lands which were caveated, and the caveat ruled good, have considered the same, and beg leave to report—

That the state in such cases contracts only to convey her title to the lands for which the warrant issues, and in case the title does not prove good, to convey in lieu thereof an equal amount of other vacant land, but does not contract to refund the composition money to the holder of the warrant. We deem it inexpedient to encourage this species of land speculation, inasmuch as we conceive the small pecuniary benefit the state would therefrom derive will be counterbalanced by the evil arising from the increase of litigation and the disquieting the possession of the landholders of the state. We therefore recommend the rejection of the resolution.

The resolution was then read the second, and by special order the third time, dissented from, and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Sappington from the committee on the militia, to which was referred the resolution for the preservation and safe keeping of the barracks in the city of Frederick, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second and by special order the third time, assented to and returned to the house of delegates.