

On motion of Mr. Mayer,

The bill entitled, an act to lessen the abuse of ardent spirits, was taken up for consideration and made the order of the day for Tuesday next the 15th inst.

Mr. Mayer presented a memorial on the part of the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, that the office of the executive committee in that institution be not abolished.

Which was read and referred to the committee on judicial proceedings.

On motion of Mr. Page,

Leave was granted to the committee on judicial proceedings, to prepare and report a bill to be entitled, an additional supplement to the act entitled, an act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians and the rights of orphans, and other representatives of deceased persons.

Mr. Mayer from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled, a supplement to an act to incorporate the merchants' fire insurance company of Baltimore, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Page,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill entitled, an act to establish magistrates' courts in the several counties of this state, and to prescribe their jurisdiction.

On motion of Mr. Page,

The following amendment was read:

At the end of the 2nd section, add:

And it shall be the duty of the levy court or commissioners of the tax as the case may be, to have erected or rented in each election district, within one year after this law shall go in operation one or more suitable houses for the sitting of the said courts, the expense of building the same to be levied on the taxable property in the county, and the fees thereafter paid as hereinafter provided, by the chief justice of the district court to the levy court or commissioners of the tax shall be first applied to indemnify the county for the expenses necessarily incurred in the erection of the said houses.

The question was put,

"Will the Senate assent to said amendment."

The yeas and nays were asked for and on taking them, they appeared as follows: