

On motion by Mr. McPherson, the select committee appointed under an order of the house of the 19th instant, "to enquire into, and report to this house, upon the expediency of so amending the constitution as to abolish the Executive Council, and give to the Senate the powers now exercised by said Council," was discharged from the further consideration of that subject.

And Mr. McPherson then had leave to bring in a bill, to amend the constitution and form of government of this State, so as to abolish the Executive Council.

Whereupon Messrs. McPherson, Jones, Nicholas. Brawner and Gantt were appointed a select committee to prepare and report said bill.

Mr. Dorsey, from the select committee to which the subject had been referred, reported the following resolution:

A resolution providing for the discharge from imprisonment in the gaol of Frederick county of Jacob Hoffman, Junior.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Sheriff of Frederick county be, and he is hereby authorised and required to discharge from imprisonment Jacob Hoffman, Junior. charged with being the father of an illegitimate child. Provided he be not in custody for any other offence or committed on other process.

The said resolution was read the first, and, by a special order the second time, assented to, and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Turner of Baltimore county, from the select committee to which the subject had been referred, reported a bill, entitled, an act to authorise John Croft, of Baltimore county, to hold real estate; which said bill was read the first time; when, on motion by Mr. Turner of Baltimore county, it was read the second time, by a special order obtained for the purpose, passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Ely, from the select committee to which the subject had been referred, reported a bill, entitled, an act for regulating and inspecting dry measures in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes; which bill was read the first time, ordered to lie on the table, and, on motion of Mr. Ely, directed to be printed.

Mr. Brawner, from the several select committees appointed for the purpose, reported three bills of the following titles, viz:

An act providing for the removal of causes on the equity side of the court, from the first judicial district of Maryland, to the high court of Chancery.