

bills were severally read the first, and by special order the second time, and passed.

On motion by Mr. Barchenal, Ordered, That the committee on inspections be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appointing a third inspector of salted fish for the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Brawner submitted the following preamble and order:

Whereas the indiscriminate grant of licenses to retail spirituous liquors to all persons who may apply for the same, as at present allowed by law, or practised by the clerks of the county courts, has a demoralizing tendency, and is otherwise productive of injurious consequences to the people of this state—

Ordered, therefore, That the committee of ways and means be directed to examine into the existing laws of the state, in reference to this subject, and report such amendment or modification of the same as in their opinion the circumstances of the case may seem to require.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivered a bill, originated in and passed by the senate, entitled, An act to authorise John D. Daniels, of the city of Baltimore, to lease certain property therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Nicholas, Hunt and Turner. Also,

A communication from John F. Harris, secretary of the Washington and Baltimore turnpike road company, enclosing an abstract of the accounts of said company, in conformity to directions in the act of assembly passed at November session 1812, endorsed, "referred to the consideration of the house of delegates;" and returned a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Talbot county by the name of Saint Michael's, and to appoint commissioners, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed, Also the bill, entitled, A further and an additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments; endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of certain minors therein mentioned, endorsed, "will not pass."

Mr. Hughlett submitted the following order; which was read:

Ordered, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to inquire into the propriety of graduating the li-