

Mr. Tilghman from the committee on ways and means, delivered the following report:

The committee on ways and means, to which were referred several bills for amending the license law of this state,

Report—That they have given them serious consideration. The license system being intimately connected with the interests of society, both as a police, and a revenue measure, requires the most deliberate action of the legislature. The committee therefore beg leave to say, that in their opinion, the importance of the subject demands, for its consideration, more time than the advanced stage of the session now admits of; and as they cannot hope that their labours in preparing and digesting a system which would be acceptable to the public, and at the same time protect the revenue, would be crowned with success, they have reported a bill, which, with the proposed amendments, they believe will correct some of the defects of the existing law, leaving it to the wisdom of a future legislature to devise a system which may be commensurate with the interests involved. Your committee will report separately on the several bills referred to them.

By order,

Isaac Hines, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Tilghman from the committee on ways and means, to which was referred the bill reported by Mr. Hughlett, entitled, An additional supplement to the act of December session 1827, chapter 117, entitled, An act to regulate the issuing of licenses to traders, keepers of ordinaries, and others, reported the same with the following amendments:

Amendments proposed.

At the end of the 1st section, add the following proviso:

“Provided, That any person applying for a license as aforesaid, who shall refuse to state the amount of capital which he, she or they, have in trade, or expects to keep on hand, shall pay the highest grade of license authorised by this act.”

Add the following as the 3d section of the bill:

“And be it enacted, That so much of the 7th section of the original act to which this is a further additional supplement, as imposes a fine of fifty dollars for any violation of the provisions of the said section, be, and the same is hereby repealed: Provided, that such repeal shall not prevent the prosecution and trial of any presentment or indictment for any breach of the section aforesaid.”

Which were read.

Mr. Moores reported a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the