

The committee on inspections to which was re-committed the bill entitled, An act providing for the inspection of sole leather, rough harness and rough skirting leather, in the city of Baltimore; with instructions to report a bill to provide for the inspection of leather generally, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report

That the examinations which your committee have been enabled to give the subject, in order to frame such a bill as they have been instructed by the house to report, have presented to them so many difficulties, and suggested so many objections, to a bill embracing every description of leather that your committee are compelled to say, the bill as reported is the best and only one they can frame upon the subject.

Your committee would further state that they have, with a view to form such a bill as they are instructed to report, examined the laws of other states that have legislated upon this subject, for information and facts that would enable them to perform the duty assigned them by the house, but they have been unable to find any thing in the laws of either New York or Massachusetts, the only two states that have inspections of leather, giving further or embracing more than the bill which your committee originally reported upon this subject; they therefore beg leave to be relieved from the instructions of this house, and to return the bill with the following amendment, to come in at the end of the first section.

“Neither of whom shall be either directly or indirectly, for himself or any other person concerned in tanning or currying, or in any wise concerned in any dealing or trafficking in leather of any kind.”

By order,

George A. Farquhar, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, and concurred in.

The house then proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act providing for the inspection of sole leather and rough harness, and rough skirting leather, in the city of Baltimore;

Mr. Purnell moved to lay the bill on the table;

Determined in the negative;

Mr. Brookhart then moved to amend the first section of the bill, by striking out in the first line the word ‘shall,’ and inserting in lieu thereof the word ‘may;’

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Moores moved to amend said bill, by inserting after