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The said bill was then sent to the senate.

Mr. Brawner, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, delivered the following report:

The committee on grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Duvall, of Prince George's county, complaining of official misconduct on the part of the register in chancery, have had the same under consideration.

The character of a high and responsible officer was involved in the decision of the committee, and impressed with a sense of the importance of the subject, they have fully examined the facts and circumstances therewith connected, and beg leave to report:

That Richard Duvall many years ago had paid the fees accruing in a case by him brought in the court of chancery, to Thomas H. Bowie, at that time register in chancery.

That subsequent to that time, a new bill was filed in the court of chancery, of which the proceedings above alluded to was made a part, in consequence whereof, it became the duty of the present register in chancery, again to record those proceedings as a part of and required by the second 'bill of complaint' of Richard Duvall.

That as it was the duty of Ramsay Waters, the present register in chancery, to record all the proceedings in this second case, so it was his right to charge and recover the fees accruing upon the record so by him made out, although the record in question had been formerly paid for by the said Richard Duvall, to Thomas H. Bowie.

That, however, it may seem a hardship that Richard Duvall should have twice to pay for a record of the same proceedings, no censure can, in the opinion of your committee, attach to the present register in chancery.

The committee, therefore, beg leave to be discharged