

at the commencement of this session to contract for the printing of the two houses, to report their proceedings forthwith.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, Clerk.

Which was read,

Mr. Brewer moved to lay said message on the table;

Determined in the Negative.

The said message was then read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Teackle reported a bill, entitled, an act to authorise the justices of the levy court of Somerset county, to levy a sum of money for the use of Samuel Holbrook, sheriff of the said county;

Which was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Jones of Somerset, 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 memorial of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying that the jurisdiction of justices of the peace may be enlarged, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that they are of opinion, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the memorialists, and recommend that they have leave to withdraw their memorial.

All which is respectfully submitted,

I. D. JONES, Chairman.

Which was read,

Mr. Brengle, from the minority of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, submitted the following as a substitute for said report:

An act to limit and define the jurisdiction of justices of the peace—

Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland, That from henceforth the justices of the peace shall have jurisdiction over, and may take cognizance of all cases whatever, where the debt or damages laid or claimed shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars, except in cases or actions of slander, assault and battery, and in cases or actions where the title to lands shall or may come in question.

Which was read;

And, on motion of Mr. Wharton, said report and substitute were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jones of Somerset, chairman of the committee on