

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Buckey reported a bill entitled, an act to create a new election district in Frederick county; and

Mr. Biser reported a bill entitled, an act to provide for the election of collector of State and county taxes for Frederick county by the people;

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bowie submitted the following orders:

Ordered, That the Treasurer inform this House whether the sum of \$1,455 75 stated in his annual report of December 1844, to be the whole amount of taxes on protests received during the year 1843, be the whole amount of taxes on protests, which ought to have been received during the said financial year of 1843, and if not, that he further inform this House, what amount is still due, and by whom the said balance or balances if any, has been withheld.

Ordered, That the Treasurer inform this House, whether he has any reason to believe that the said tax on protests has been, or is now evaded, and if so, in what manner and by what means;

Which were read.

The doorkeeper having returned reported, that in obedience to order, he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the House was required.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill entitled, an act imposing duties on promissory notes, bills of exchange, specialties and other instruments of writing, to aid in paying the debts of the State.

The question before the House being upon the motion to strike out the enacting clause of the bill;

On the question being put,

On striking out the enacting clause of the bill;

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Biser,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.

Walker

Stansbury, of B. co.

Randall

Worthington of B.

Ware

Long

Phillips

Harris

Bowie

Henry

Purnell

Lamden

Fooks

Shriver

Biser

Graves

Gallagher

Clarke

Boteler

Motter

Hammill

Neff

Fitzpatrick