

to the public in the important matter which it was designed to protect. The committee ask leave to report, on this subject, the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into, and report by bill or otherwise, what amendment, if any, is necessary to the 54 and 55th sections, of article 18, of the Code of Public General Laws, in order to give to the people the protection which the law designed to secure.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Hardcastle, from a select committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to release William Delahay, former sheriff of Caroline county, from the payment of a balance appearing upon the books of the Comptroller of the Treasury, to be due by him;

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Magruder, from a select committee, reported favorably a bill entitled, An act to amend section 194, of article 30, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled, Crimes and Punishments, relating to the sentence of Negroes;

Which was read the first time.

The bill entitled, An act to repeal sections 139, 140 and 141 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore county, in relation to the Orphans' Court,

Was considered; and,

Pending its second reading,

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill entitled, An act to repeal sections 387, 388, 389, 396 and 397, of article 4, of the Code of Public Local Laws, and substitute and add the following,

Was considered, and,

Pending its second reading,

Mr. McIntire proposed the following:

Insert, after the word "bushel," line 4, section 8, "buckwheat, 48 lbs. to the bushel, and barley, 47 lbs. to the bushel;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hammond, of Howard, proposed the following:

Insert after the word "persons," in the 1st line of the 4th section, "who shall be engaged in the business of;"

Which was adopted.