

TUESDAY, February 2, 1864.

On motion of Mr. Ohr,

Leave was granted Messrs. Ohr, Carroll and Stirling, to report a bill for the completion of the hospital for the Insane.

Mr. Purnell submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the committee on Finance be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill modifying and reducing the rate of direct tax of the State, to what it was before its increase by the act of 1862, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Governor's annual message ; and also the repeal of the tax on executors' and trustees' commissions and collateral inheritances and mortgages.

Mr. Briscoe submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the committee on Finance be requested to inquire into the expediency of repealing the direct tax laws of this State, and report to the Senate, by bill or otherwise, at the earliest practicable time ;

Which was read.

The question upon its adoption was determined in the negative.

The order submitted by Mr. Purnell was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Firey,

Leave was granted the committee on Judicial Proceedings to report a bill to make valid a deed from George Forthman and Susannah Forthman to Frederick Forthman.

On motion of Mr. Campbell,

Leave was granted Messrs. Campbell, Purnell and Tome, to report a bill to incorporate Daniel and Jacob Lodge, I. O. O. F., in Manchester, Carroll county.

On motion of Mr. Carroll,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Carroll, Tome and Given to report a bill appropriating a sum of money to pay John M. Carter for extra clerical services in the Executive Department.

Mr. Willis, from the select committee, reported a bill entitled, "An Act to change the name of a school house in Caroline county ;"

Which was read the first time.