

Mr. Hood asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to abolish the levy court and commissioners of the tax for Anne-Arundel county, and for other purposes; And,

On his motion, it was Ordered, That a select committee, consisting of three members, be appointed by the speaker, to prepare and report said bill.

Messrs. Hood, Stewart of Anne-Arundel, and Stockett, were appointed the said committee pursuant to the order.

On motion by Mr. Turner of Baltimore county, it was Ordered, That the standing committee on manufactures, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of adopting some measure by which the best interests of our manufacturers may be protected against frauds practised by some of the manufacturers of other states.

Mr. Boyer submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on internal improvement be instructed to inquire into the practicability and expediency of improving the navigation of Pocomoke river, and more especially that section thereof which lies between the town of Snow-Hill, in Worcester county, and the line of the state of Delaware, and of connecting the same, by a navigable canal, with Sinepuxent Bay. And also, to inquire into the practicability and expediency of improving the navigation of the said river by a canal across the southern extremity of Somerset county, to the waters of Tangier Sound.

Which was twice read; When,

Mr. Phelps proposed to amend the same by striking out the words, "the committee on internal improvement," and inserting in lieu thereof, "a select committee."

And the question being taken, on agreeing to the amendment proposed,

It was determined in the negative.

The said order was then adopted without amendment.

Mr. M. Mahon of Allegany, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Acts of Congress now in the library of the state, (except such as may be retained for the executive and the legislature,) be distributed amongst the several counties of this state, in such manner as the governor and council, for the time being, may direct.

The said resolution, being read the first time, was ordered to lie upon the table.

Mr. M. Mahon of Allegany, also submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the register of the land office for the western shore, be directed to issue a patent to Meshack Browning, of Allegany county, for the land included in a certificate of survey returned by him, under a special warrant granted out of