

Which was read the first time and referred to Senators Bouic, Williams, of Anne Arundel and Wilkinson.

By Mr. Williams, of Anne Arundel,

A bill entitled "An Act to add a new section to Article 98 of the Code of Public General Laws, title 'Wharves and State Wharfinger,' to follow section 4, to be designated as 'Section 4 A.'"

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

By Mr. Bouic,

Joint Resolutions expressive of the sentiments of Republicans as to the rule to be accorded the peoples recently acquired by conquest.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the flag of the United States is solely the emblem of the principles of this Country, which must of necessity go with the flag, and whenever it ceases so to be and so to go it stultifies the manhood of the nation.

Resolved, That wherever our Flag floats, it is an announcement to the world that these, the principles of our country which find their embodiment in the Constitution, are to prevail; that then the spirit of liberty coupled with the assurance of "equal opportunities for all and special privileges for none," must dominate.

Resolved, That whilst conquests generally lead to troublesome questions and oftentimes disastrous results, yet principles are of God and eternal, and should never be cowardly submerged on account of the necessities or expediencies of the moment; far better acknowledge an error and rectify it, than attempt to destroy a principle.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Crothers, from Finance Committee, reported favorably,

House bill entitled "An Act to refund to certain collectors of State taxes herein mentioned moneys erroneously paid by them into the State Treasury."