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NEGATIVE—None.

Mr. Bowie, from the Select Committee, reported a bill entitled an Act, to incorporate the Maryland State Agricultural and Mechanical Association;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Earle, from the Select Committee, reported a bill, entitled an Act, to compensate Joseph M. Palmer, for services rendered the State, in the cases of State vs. George Otto and George Hape;

Which was read the first time, and

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Vickers, from the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, submitted the following report:

**REPORT :**

*To the Honorable the Senate of Maryland :*

The Committee on Judicial Proceedings, to whom was referred the following order :

Ordered, That the Attorney General be required to furnish his opinion in writing, on or before Tuesday, January 29, in regard to the right of the present City Council of Baltimore, to appropriate money for the purpose of contesting or resisting the laws of the State of Maryland, as is evinced by their recent appropriation of \$20,000, for said purpose, and what steps are necessary to prevent the payment of said appropriation; and also, an amendment to the order, "whether the State of Maryland is legally liable for any expenses incurred in the recent removal of the Police Commissioners of Baltimore city; beg leave to report, that in consequence of the early adjournment of the Legislature after the passage of the order referring to them, the above order and amendment; they have had but a short period of time to examine into the subjects submitted to their consideration.

The specific object of the appropriation alluded to, is not defined by the order, but it was stated in debate, to be to resist in the Courts, the operation and effect of a bill recently passed by the Senate, repealing a portion of the charter of Baltimore city, and directing an election on the sixth of February, for Mayor and City Council.

The power of the Legislature to repeal or alter the city charter, seems to some extent, involved in the subject; from the theory of the State Government, and of public or municipal corporations, as connected with it, and the adjudicated cases in our Appellate Court, we suppose no question of the existence of the power can be entertained.