

It was ordered, that the Committee on Finance be directed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of imposing a State tax on the capital stock of all Banking Associations in this State, formed under an Act of Congress, approved June 3d, 1864, which tax is authorized by section 41 of said Act.

On motion by Mr. Fields,

Leave was granted to the Senators from Caroline, Talbot and Montgomery, to introduce a bill to relieve Thomas Janal and Asma Lowe, from liabilities to the State, incurred by securityship on the bond of Alexander Knotts of Caroline county.

The President presented the following communication from the Comptroller, in response to an order from the Senate.

ANNAPOLIS, March 12th, 1868.

HON. BARNES COMPTON,

*President of the Senate.*

SIR: I have the Honor to report that I have examined the memorial of Dr. James Higgings, in obedience to the order of your Honorable Body, and the provisions of the Constitution, section 52, Art. 3, and submit the following report.

That the publication of a work by Dr. James Higgins on the "Industrial Resources of Maryland," made by order of the General Assembly of Maryland, was by his consent, and that no claim for "Copy Right" having been then made, he has no demand on the State for compensation.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. LEONARD, Comptroller.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Usury bill being the unfinished business of the day,

Was taken up on Mr. Carroll's amendment.

Pending the consideration of the bill and amendment,

On motion by Mr. Welch,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 A. M.