

pay O. G. Hayden, Inspector General of Grain, for services rendered,

And the report was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Earle,

The vote was reconsidered by which the report was adopted, and the bill postponed.

Mr. Henkle, from the Select Committee to whom was referred House bill entitled an Act to provide for maintaining and keeping in repair the public roads of Anne Arundel county, and to repeal the Act passed at the January session 1868, chapter 299, so far as applies to Anne Arundel county, reported it without amendment.

Said bill was then read the second time.

Mr. Henkle, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom the subject was referred, submitted the following

#### REPORT:

*To the Honorable the Senate of Maryland:*

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the order of your Honorable Body requiring them to "inquire into the expediency of having established at or near the county seat of each county of this State, lines not exceeding sixty perches in length, corresponding with the true meridians of such places, and to determine at the same time the geographical latitude and longitude of the station occupied by the instrument employed in such operation," beg most respectfully to report that they have given the subject all the consideration that their time and opportunities have permitted, but not by any means so much as the great importance of the subject demands, nor as they themselves desired.

The object of the Honorable Senator who offered the order was undoubtedly to have erected in each county seat of the State a true *meridian line*, accurately and permanently established and protected by law, in order that a ready, convenient and reliable standard might always exist by which surveyors and others might test their instruments and ascertain from time to time their variation from the true meridian. There can be no doubt, in the opinion of your Committee, that if such reliable standards had been established long since in our State, much perplexity and labor would have been saved in the tracing of old lines, and also many tedious, angry and expensive suits in our Courts avoided.

Your Committee are also firmly convinced that the establishment of such standards now, and also standards of measurement by which surveyors may from time to time test