

lence, worthlessness, poverty, crime, and by acting as a continuous exhauster and destroyer of the property of our community—that they are opposed in their action to industry or labour, the only legitimate source of wealth and growing prosperity, and thus in fine, they are destructive to our agricultural, intellectual, moral and fiscal interests.

It is also, in the opinion of the committee, a question worthy of serious consideration, whether the import of the *only perfect* system of morals known among men, would not justify the classification of drunkenness, with fornication, adultery, murder, and with a number of crimes which are penal in the judgment of law.

But although, the committee believe the subject of such importance, they think it advisable that there should be no other action on it at this session of the Legislature, than the bill reported, because it is too late in the session to give to the subject its due consideration. They would, therefore, advise the deference of a more intimate consideration of the subject to the next session of the Legislature, that it may then be taken up and acted upon at an early period of the session, and they would advise and urge the memorialists to be more early in their application.

Messrs. REEDER,
HARRISON,
LEVERING,
ALNUTT,
HOLLMAN,
HARRIS.

Which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Levering, from the select committee, to which was referred the memorial of the committee of the Maryland State Temperance Society, reported a bill entitled, an act relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors;

Which was read the first time, and

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson reported a bill entitled, an act to change the terms of the Court of Appeals for the Western and Eastern Shores of this State;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Potter reported a bill entitled, an act to punish seduction and incest, and to afford a more adequate civil remedy for the injury;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Potter,

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith, from the committee on Retrenchment, reported a bill entitled, an act to regulate the itinerant charges of members elect of the General Assembly of Maryland, and for other purposes;