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BLOWS IN THE HOUSE.

Fight Between Messrs. Frazier and Honaker, Resigning Members.

A SCENE OF EXCITEMENT: Two Members Get into a Personal Difficulty; Explanations and Hand-Shakings—The Bill Restricting the State for Circuit Judges Passed by the House; Four Resigning Members Against It—The Richmond Police Court Bill Referred in the Senate—A Bill Ordered to Engrossment by the Senate—Regular Legislative Notes and Suggestions.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE FOR COURTS OF JUSTICE.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE FOR COURTS OF JUSTICE met yesterday morning and took up the bill "to provide a Police Court for the city of Richmond," introduced by Mr. Walker, as follows:

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly.

That there shall be for the city of Richmond a Police Court, to be held by the Judge of said city, who shall be elected in the same manner, and for the same term, as the Judge of the Hustings Court.

2. The powers and jurisdiction of said Police Court shall be the same as is now provided for the Police Court of said city.

3. The compensation of the Judge of the Police Court shall be the same as is now provided for the Judge of said city, and shall not be diminished during his term of office.

4. There shall be a clerk of the Police Court, to be appointed by the Judge thereof, who shall perform the same duties and receive the same compensation as is now prescribed for the clerk of the Police Court.

5. The Judge of the Police Court of the city of Richmond may qualify at any time within sixty days from the date of his commission, and immediately upon such qualification the office of Police Justice of said city shall be vacant.

6. All acts and parts of acts, and all provisions in the charter of the city of Richmond, or the City Ordinances, in conflict with this act, are hereby repealed.

7. This act shall be in force from its passage.

Mr. Atkinson opposed the bill, because—

1st. Under the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth all parties charged with crime are entitled to an examination before a Justice of the peace before they can be held upon trial before a jury. This was placed in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Chambers.

2d. The office of police judge is a State office, and his duties should be defined by the act creating the office.

3d. The police justice is a city officer and recognized only in the charter of the city, and is charged with certain duties mentioned in the ordinance.

4th. The bill does not amend the charter, nor does it define the term of office, when it commences and when it terminates. Thus you would have a police justice and a police judge, which is not necessary.

5th. There is no necessity for such an office, as he would have no duties to perform.

The bill was nevertheless reported to the Senate by a strict party vote.

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Mr. Frazier kept up a continual rapping or rattle, appeared to the Sergeant-at-Arms to assist him, and even threatened to enforce the written rules, but all to no purpose; the members would talk. Had Speaker Fowler been present he would have taken back all he said at the close of the regular session in praise of the exceptional good department of the House as a deliberative body.

THE TAX BILL REPORTED AT LAST.

AFTER THE bill reported from committees had been read, Mr. Atkinson's resolution instructing the Finance Committee to report a tax bill and an appropriation bill came up as unfinished business.

It having been ascertained from the Clerk that the tax bill was among the bills just reported, and upon the further assurance from a member of the Finance Committee that the appropriation bill would be ready by Friday, Mr. Griffin moved to pass the resolution by which was agreed to.

USEFUL INFORMATION.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to procure, as soon as possible, for the information of the House, from the proper authorities, the latest official statistics in regard to each and every county in the State of Virginia, as follows:

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The Clerk arrange the foregoing statistics alphabetically, and have two hundred copies thereof printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Lyons explained that he offered the resolution in view of the fact that the House would shortly have to consider the congressional reapportionment bill, and the information sought to be obtained would be very useful to the members.

RELIQUENT TAX COLLECTORS.

MR. POLLARD offered the following, which was agreed to:

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THE SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

MR. CONRAD offered a concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of two from the Senate and three from the House to examine "the report of the committee appointed at a former session of the House of Delegates to examine the books and valuable papers of the Second Auditor's office." Agreed to.

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Mr. Mayo reiterated what he had previously said in regard to the constitutionality of the bill, but modified his views so far as to admit that other legislation would be necessary to deprive the present judges of their offices.

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Mr. Honaker, who was standing near the railing on the left of the Chair conversing with a gentleman, remarked that if Mr. Frazier wanted to vote with the Funder side he should not be bound by the conditions of the resolution, but he would vote for it.

Mr. Frazier was heard to exclaim, "You shall not call me a d-d liar." From words of this nature a quarrel ensued, and the two were separated by the members who were seated.

As soon as a party was separated the members who were seated separated the combatants.

Of course this little departure from the regular order of proceedings created considerable excitement and put a stop to all business.

When quiet was finally restored Mr. Giddings moved that the offenders be taken into custody by the Sergeant-at-Arms, which was agreed to.

Mr. Taylor of Montgomery said that he did not know what was the difficulty, and he would be allowed to appear before the House and make a statement. The motion was agreed to.

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