

roads may be punished by law; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Howard and Gantt.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the speaker appointed Messrs. Ridout and M. Culloh, on the committee on internal improvements, in the place of Messrs. Lee and Goldsborough.

Mr. Barnes presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying permission to make certain roads therein mentioned; referred to Messrs. Barnes, Cockey and Sappington.

Mr. M. Culloh presents a petition from William Merryman, of Baltimore county, praying a redress of his grievances; referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Speed presents a petition from George Jourdan, of the city of Annapolis, praying an allowance for services rendered the state; referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Cockey presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Middletown, Frederick county, praying permission to open certain lanes and alleys therein mentioned; referred to Messrs. Cockey, Sappington and Barnes.

Mr. Ennalls obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the meetings of the trustees of the poor of Dorchester county. Ordered, That Messrs. Ennalls, Douglas and Brohawn, report the same.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to compensate the adjutant general of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Barnes, Beall and Sudler, report the same.

Mr. A. E. Jones obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the permanent location of the treasury office for the eastern shore. Ordered, That Messrs. A. E. Jones, Thomas and Edden, report the same.

The bill to lay out and make public a road in Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Saint-Mary's county, praying for a change in the time of holding their county court, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report—that regarding the prayer of your petitioners as a matter of deep importance to the county at large, affecting the general interest and convenience of her citizens, and one upon which there exists a great diversity of opinion, they would suggest the propriety of withholding a positive expression at this time, by any legislative interference, believing the change proposed is not a subject of notoriety in the said county. Your petitioners have leave therefore to withdraw their petition.

By order,

Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Spencer obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one system the several acts of assembly respecting officers fees, for the better regulation of said fees, to