

the house the petition of sundry citizens of Dorchester county, praying the condemnation of a certain lot of ground therein mentioned.

Mr. Perry obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act to incorporate a company to be called the Frostburg Coal Company;

Ordered, that Messrs. Perry, Buchanan and Smith report the same.

Mr. McLean, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred an order of the house requiring them to enquire into the expediency of giving to the county courts jurisdiction in all application for divorces, reported unfavourably thereon;

Which was read the first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Maulsby, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, delivered the following report.

The committee on grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the memorial of the trustees of the Abingdon academy, and the memorial of James Steine, counter thereto, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report.

That the committee are of opinion, that the resolution of eighteen hundred and thirty, granting a donation to Abingdon academy operated as a contract between the State and the said academy; and that the said donation cannot be withdrawn unless upon an ascertained failure on the part of the academy to perform all the purposes contemplated by the grant.

They therefore recommend a reference of the subject to the committee on education, to ascertain the facts, and report a resolution granting an annual donation of three hundred dollars to said academy accordingly.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. D. Maulsby, Chair'n.

Which was read the first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Dawson, chairman of the joint committee, appointed to enquire into the practicability, cost and expediency of warming the hall of the House of Delegates, and Senate chamber &c., delivered the following report.

The joint committee appointed to enquire into the practicability probable cost, and expediency of warming the hall of the house of delegates, the senate chamber, and other apartments of the state house by heated air; report that