

And, Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying for a reform in the Constitution of the State,

Which was read and referred to the committee of the whole house.

Mr. Richardson rose from his seat, and called the attention of the House, to an article published in the Torch Light, in Hagerstown, which he conceived called for an enquiry on the part of this house,

Which was read, and is as follows:

*Correspondence of the Torch Light.*

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 8, 1836.

[EXTRACT.]

"Petitions have been pouring in, ever since the commencement of the session, praying a change in the License law the State. They have all been referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Mr. Richardson of Baltimore city, whom some have designated as "the High Priest of temperance," has had a special committee raised, to enquire into the causes of crime, &c. &c. and consider the means of removing the causes, if there is any way of reaching them. *That committee have not made their report to the House, but I have seen it,* and, as was expected, he attributes it all to *intemperance*. A bill will also be reported, which will put entirely and totally out of the power of a poor man to obtain a license, while the rich can get one and revel in the spoils. Mr. Richardson is a Van Buren man, and from his acts one would suppose that he has an especial desire that the "rich should take care of the poor."

Mr. Winder then rose, and drew the attention of the House to an article in the Baltimore Republican, which he stated appeared to him equally with the article just read by the gentleman from Baltimore city, to require an investigation,

Which was read, and is follows,

*Correspondence of the Baltimore Republican.*

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 14, 1836.

Gentlemen.—The party here are at their old tricks. Mr. Winder of Baltimore county, has this day reported a bill for the arrangement of the districts of the county, in such manner as to give the small minority there the entire controul of the county, in the election of a majority of the Commissioners, and of course the appointment of all the