

Mr. Smith, of Allegany, presented a petition from David Thomas, Charles Mullany, Edward Barret, and eighty-five others, praying the Legislature to pass an Act authorizing the Commissioners of Allegany county to endorse and guarantee a portion of the first mortgage bonds of the Western Maryland Railroad Company to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, for the purposes of the Road from Hagerstown to Cumberland, and any further point in the State;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Miller, of Anne Arundel, presented a petition from Thos. Ireland and 150 other citizens of Annapolis, asking the passage of an Act equalizing the bounties hitherto paid by the State to the volunteer soldiery, so that the veterans of 1861 and '62 may be placed on the same footing as those who entered at a later period;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr Kirk presented a petition from Job Haines, in behalf of John Quigley, late a member of Battery B, 1st Maryland Light Artillery, for State bounty;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Hazen presented a petition from Johns Hopkins, Kirkland Chase and others to amend certain Public Local Laws;

Which was read and referred to the select committee previously appointed.

Mr. Keefer presented a petition from ninety-two ladies of Mechanicstown, asking for the passage of a law prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors in that vicinity;

Mr. Smith, of Frederick, moved to lay said petition on the table.

Decided in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Keefer,

The petition was referred to the Frederick county delegation.

The Speaker presented a petition from John P. Biscal, of Prince George's county, asking to have his acts as Magistrate legalized.

Which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Miller, of Washington, presented a petition of the Bugers and commissioners of Williamsport, Washington county, asking an amendment to the charter of said town;