

Mr. Aydelotte presented a memorial from the Board of School Commissioners, and forty-nine other citizens of Worcester County, in relation to building and repairing School Houses in said county, and for other purposes ;

Which was read and referred to Committee on Education.

Mr. Steiner presented a petition from Daniel P. Sayler, and one hundred other citizens of Frederick county, Maryland, praying the passage of a law exempting members of the German Baptist Church from serving as Jurors.

Mr. Davis, of Charles, presented a petition from Joseph H. Mattingly and others, praying an increase of pay to Messengers and Bailiffs of Circuit Courts ;

Which were read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Clarke presented a petition from Samuel Scribner, John T. Ford, and others, for the location of a square of ground in Baltimore County for public grounds ;

Which was read and referred to Baltimore county delegation.

Mr. Horsey presented a petition from George Wales, for the payment of \$210, with interest, erroneously paid into the Treasury ;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Evans,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Penitentiary be instructed to enquire into the propriety of so amending the Penal Law as to provide for the shortening the terms of confinement of convicts, on account of good behavior during their confinement in the said Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. Ford,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore county is requested to inform this House of the condition of the Burnt Records of said county, if any of the lost deeds or instruments of writing have been presented to his office or discovered since the last commission ceased, and if, in his judgment, they can be restored, and what legislation, if any, is necessary to complete the same.

On motion of Mr. McCulley,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the existing law, relating to the sales of real estate of intestates, as to strike out the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, the limit, as now fixed, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Buhrman,