

Presented the petition of Joseph Baugher, and others, to amend the Act of 1864, chapter 247.

Mr. Shipley presented a memorial of 42 citizens of Anne Arundel and Howard counties, protesting against the removal of the Western Hay Scales in the city of Baltimore, and praying the erection of new Scales near Columbia st., in the South-western part of said city.

Which was referred to the Select Committee on Hay Scales.

On motion of Mr. Appleman,

Ordered, That it be entered upon the journal that Mr. Hoffhine, is absent from his seat on account of illness in his family.

Mr. Smith submitted the following resolution in relation to the City Council of Baltimore :

A RESOLUTION, To authorize the Governor to employ counsel to prevent the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore resisting the authority of this General Assembly, in the matter of the municipal election, to take place on the first Wednesday in February, 1867.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this General Assembly that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, by ordinance, have determined to resist the action of the General Assembly ordering an election of Mayor and City Council to be held on the first Wednesday of February, 1867, and that with that view, they have appropriated the sum of \$20,000 to pay counsel and conduct such litigation as may be the consequence of their action in the premises ; And whereas, this General Assembly, regarding the said Mayor and City Council as a corporation created for municipal purposes only, and existing only by the will of the people of Maryland, (expressed through their Representatives in the General Assembly, as has been determined by the Court of the highest resort of this State,) look upon the said proceedings, on the part of said Mayor and City Council, as unauthorized, illegal and subversive of that subordination that should exist between the supreme power of the State and all creations for merely municipal purposes ; And whereas, were the General Assembly to remain quiet in view of the action of the said Mayor and City Council, it might properly be construed as acquiescing in an unjustifiable resistance to its authority. Therefore be it

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor of this State be, and he is hereby authorized and requested, to employ such counsel as he may select, to take all such measures as may be deemed expedient to prevent the application, by the said Mayor and City Council, of the money of the people of Baltimore, for the purpose of resisting the