

of time to organize and elect officers under the Act of 1860, chapter 311.

Which was read and referred to the Dorchester and Caroline Delegations.

Mr. Steiner presented the memorial of John Need and 233 citizens of Frederick and Montgomery counties, to authorize the construction of a railroad from Frederick by the most eligible and practicable route through the central portion of Montgomery county, to the District of Columbia, with authority also to construct a branch road from Frederick, north-erly or north-westerly to the Maryland and Pennsylvania line;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also, the memorial of R. H. Williams and 27 other citizens of Frederick county, remonstrating against any legislative action whereby the existing restrictions for the observance of the Christian Sabbath would be relaxed;

Which was read and referred to the Select Committee on Sunday Law.

Mr. Aydelott presented the petition of 122 citizens of Worcester county, in favor of the passage of a law for the relief and protection of the hotel in said county;

Which was read and referred to the Worcester county delegation.

On motion of Mr. Boswell,

Ordered, That so much of the Comptroller's report as refers to auction licenses and auction duties, be referred to a select committee of three, to be appointed by the Speaker, and that said committee have power in investigating the returns, to send for persons and papers; Messrs. Boswell, Nicolai and Waltemeyer, constituted said committee.

On motion of Mr. Israel,

Ordered, That the members of the Select Committee appointed to select a site for a State Building in Baltimore city, have leave to absent themselves from the sessions of the House, so long as it may be necessary to attend to the prosecution of their duties.

Mr. Neilson offered the following:

Ordered, That the Special Committee on the Penitentiary have leave of absence for the space of five days, to enable them to discharge the duties assigned them;

Mr. Phelps moved to amend the order, by striking out the word "five," and insert "three;"

Which was decided in the negative.