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Mr. Mules, from the Committee on Corporations, to which was referred the bill entitled, an Act to incorporate Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 116, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons,

Reported it without amendment,

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The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following resolutions :

*Whereas*, It is represented to this General Assembly, that the President and managers of the Baltimore and Fredericktown Turnpike Company, are charging a higher rate of tolls on their road, than by law they are authorized to do ; and that they are charging and collecting toll for travel upon what was formerly a part of their road, but is now one of the public streets of the city of Baltimore, by a conveyance of the same made by said company ; and have also for a long time neglected to repair the Pratt street road, as required by their charter ; and

*Whereas*, It is proper that the General Assembly should protect the public against impositions under color of law, by corporations of its creation ; therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Attorney-General be, and he is hereby directed to inquire whether the rates of toll charged by the said President and managers of the Fredericktown Turnpike Road Company, are higher than is warranted by law ; whether they are charging for passing over any road or way, not now by law belonging to them ; and whether the said Pratt street road has been or is now in a condition, such as their charter requires. And if he shall be of opinion that the charter of said company, in any or all of these particulars, is violated, he shall publish his written opinion to the effect in two of the newspapers of the city of Baltimore, and shall give notice to said company of his said opinion, and if the company shall not within a reasonable time after said notice to it, correct the wrong which it shall authorize or permit, then the said Attorney-General shall take such steps as he may deem necessary to enforce an obedience to the laws, provided that he shall not take proceedings to forfeit its charter, unless he shall be unable otherwise to compel said company to comply with the terms of its charter.

Which were read the first time and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

The bill entitled, an Act to compensate such members and officers of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1861, as had presented their claims ;