

Mr. Earle presented the petition of sundry citizens of Queen Anne's county.

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion by Mr. Clarke, it was

Ordered, That the Comptroller be, and he is hereby requested to furnish to the Senate the following information :

1st. The date of the creation of the tobacco fund.

2d. For what purpose was the tobacco fund created.

3d. Amount of loan to said fund, whether to be paid from a general tax or exclusively from a tax on the tobacco interest.

4th. Whether additional loans have been made to said fund ; if so, the amount of the same ; whether a tobacco sinking fund was created for the redemption of said loan or loans.

5th. Whether an account of said sinking fund has been kept separately ; if so, the amount of said fund ; if not kept separate, how, when and why it was merged, and at what date it ceased to be kept separate.

6th. Whether rents arising from State wharves belonging to tobacco warehouses, have been credited to tobacco fund.

7th. Present condition of tobacco fund, after charging it with amount of loan or loans, and interest on the same, and crediting it with net receipts from tobacco warehouses, together with the amount of the tobacco sinking fund at this date.

On motion by Mr. Henkle,

The vote by which the above order was adopted,

Was reconsidered, and

Mr. Henkle submitted the following amendment :

Amend by adding : "and that the said information be furnished at the earliest convenient period."

Which was adopted, and

The order was then adopted as amended.

Mr. Smith, from a select committee, reported Senate bill entitled a supplement to the Act passed at January session, 1866, chapter 52, entitled an Act to incorporate the Dorchester and Delaware Rail Road Company, and to direct the payment to said company of the sum of money pledged by the Act passed at January session, 1860, chapter 303, to works of internal improvement in Dorchester county.

Which was read the first time.