

Mr. Browne presented a petition from citizens of the fifth election district of Carroll county, asking for the appointment of an additional Constable in said district.

Which was referred to the Senators from Carroll, Cecil and Harford.

Mr. Snyder presented a memorial from the Board of Trade of the city of Baltimore against the removal of the State Tobacco Warehouses.

Which was referred to a joint and select committee already appointed.

On motion by Mr. Clarke,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance to introduce a bill to allow Wm. Button, Collector of State and County Taxes, further time to complete his collections.

Mr. Kimmel presented the following communication :

WHEREAS, during the session of the General Assembly of 1867, and since its adjournment, charges of corruption against some of its members, in connection with the defeat of the bill known as the Baltimore Municipal Bill, have been circulated so generally as to have induced an almost universal belief in the truth of them ;

AND WHEREAS, during the late canvass these charges were so broadly insinuated against a gentleman who is now a member of this body, as to have elicited from him an explicit denial of them;

AND WHEREAS, the mere fact that these charges are persistently reiterated by responsible persons, who insist that the evidence of their truth is available and incontrovertible, impairs the credit of the General Assembly, and more particularly of the Senate;

AND WHEREAS, a decent respect for public opinion demands that if these charges are founded in truth, the dignity and honor of the Senate should be vindicated by a thorough exposition of all the facts in connection therewith, so that the guilt may attach where it properly belongs ; and if they are not founded in truth, then by an authoritative refutation of them issued by the Senate ; therefore, be it

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed by the President, with power to send for persons and papers, to investigate charges of corruption in connection with the defeat of the bill known as the Baltimore Municipal Bill, at the January session of the General Assembly, 1867, made against a member of that Assembly, then and now a member of the Senate, and that said committee is hereby directed to report all the facts in connection therewith at an early day.

Which was read.