

number over one-half have been filed by agents or attorneys, and the balance by the original claimants.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. J. LEONARD,

Comptroller.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of sundry citizens of Dorchester county, in reference to building a bridge over Fishing Creek, of said county.

Which was referred to Senators from Dorchester, Caroline and Somerset.

On motion by Mr. Snyder,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance to introduce a bill entitled "an Act to authorize the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary to construct dormitory buildings for the accommodation of the convicts in said prison, and making an appropriation therefor."

On motion by Mr. Henkle,

Leave was granted to Senators Henkle, Clarke and Brewer, to introduce a bill to amend the Act of 1867, chapter 385, in regard to the payment of pensions to the soldiers and widows of deceased soldiers of the war of 1812.

Mr. Denson presented the petition of Daniel Keath and 250 others, relating to public schools.

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion by Mr. Earle,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Finance to report a bill to authorize the Comptroller of the Treasury to adjust and settle the claims of the State's Attorneys in the several counties and city of Baltimore, for certain fees due by the State.

Mr. Smith, from a select committee, reported Senate bill entitled an Act to exempt from State and City taxation, the real and personal property of the General German Protestant Orphans' Association of the City of Baltimore.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Fields, from a select committee, reported favorably

A bill entitled an Act to release Thomas Farrell and Esma Lowe from liabilities to the State incurred by securityship, and the bond of Alexander Knotts, of Caroline county.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Hyland, from a select committee, reported