

Mr. Malone presented the petition of 50 citizens of Wicomico county, asking further protection to Oysters in said county.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
January 25, 1870.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

Your message proposing the appointment of a Joint Standing Committee, to wait upon the Hon. Jno. Merryman, and inform him of his election as Treasurer of the State of Maryland, has been received, and we respectfully concur therein. We have appointed on the part of this House, Messrs. Turner, Gorman, Streett and Webb.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Miller,

Leave was granted to Senators Miller, Browne and Carroll, to introduce a bill to amend the eighth Article of the Public Local Laws of Cecil county, title "Elkton," by repealing sections 66, 68 and 69, of said Article, and to re-enact the same in an amended form, and to add other sections thereto, granting further powers to the President and Commissioners of said town.

On motion by Mr. Grove,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to introduce a bill to repeal sections 6, 7 and 8, of Article 56, Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Licenses," sub-title "Billiards," and re-enact the same with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Grove,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to introduce a bill to repeal sections 18 and 19, of Article 56, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Licenses," sub-title "Fisheries and Horse Races," and re-enact the same with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Grove,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings to introduce a bill to enable the Mayor and City Council of Hager's city, in Washington county, to levy a sum not