

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Also,

The petition of Major R. Merrill and 20 other citizens, for an additional Constable in Coston's district, in Worcester county.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Duvall presented the petition of Geo. P. Tiffany and 86 tax-payers and legal voters residing in the town of Laurel, Prince George's county, praying not to incorporate said town, as it is deemed inexpedient to incorporate a part of the town.

Which was read and referred to the Prince George's delegation.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of citizens of Frederick, protesting against the passage of a law authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen, &c., of said city, to issue \$100,000 of bonds for the purpose of widening Carroll Creek in said city.

Which was read and referred to the Frederick delegation.

Mr. Baldwin, of Anne Arundel, presented the following memorial of Jno. Thomson Mason in regard to public county roads.

*To the General Assembly of Maryland:*

Although your petitioner alone signs this memorial, he feels warranted in asserting that if time and means were afforded, it would be united in by many, if not by a majority of the tax-payers of Maryland, and to avoid the imputation of assumption, he will add, that he has been urged by a large number of respectable and intelligent citizens to bring this subject of the public roads before the Legislature in this shape.

Your memorialist respectfully represents that there is nothing more promotive of public wealth and local comfort and convenience, than good public county roads. They invite emigration by making rural life both remunerative and agreeable, enhance the value of real property wherever they exist, and promote friendship and local intercourse.

The systems of public roads now in force in the several counties of this State, although involving the people in heavy taxation, are universally recognised as lamentable failures, wholly ineffectual to accomplish the objects desired.

Your petitioner would therefore respectfully pray that all the existing road laws, and all taxes now imposed to support them be repealed, and that instead thereof the system now in force in the cities and towns, in this State, for the paving of streets and sidewalks be adopted, viz: That the respective