

same at the expense of the delinquent owner of the adjoining lands; that gates and every obstruction of every kind should be prohibited, &c.

The bad roads of Maryland are one of our reproaches.— The system of laws which leads to, or permits such a result, must be radically defective, and the people of Maryland ask their representatives in the Legislature that they do something to remedy the evil, and that if the plan herein suggested is not approved, that some wiser and more efficacious system be adopted.

Hoping that the foregoing memorial may have the effect, if none other, of awakening the attention of the Legislature to the subject of the public roads, a subject no less important to the local and rural interests than railroads, and that some action may be taken to remedy evils in this particular, which now so impair the prosperity of the State and retards the growth and improvements of our rural districts.

All of which is respectfully submitted, &c., &c.

JNO. THOMPSON MASON.

Which was read and

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, of Anne Arundel,

Ordered to be entered on the Journal and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Sword presented the petition of John H. Sites, S. F. Culbertson, and 206 others, prohibiting the Franklin Railroad Company from connecting at any point with the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, except at Williamsport, Maryland.

Which was read and referred to the Washington delegation.

Mr. Shower presented the petition of Susan Wilhelm, widow of John Wilhelm, a soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Streett presented the petition of Susan Howe, asking for a pension.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Hamilton submitted the following order :

Ordered, That Geo. A. Kirk have leave of absence until Monday next.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McCreery submitted the following order :

Ordered, That W. G. Gordy have leave of absence from Wednesday until Saturday of this week, to attend to urgent business.