

passage of a law giving any ward or district within the State to determine by ballot whether intoxicating drink should be sold within said district.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Colton, of Baltimore City, presented the petition of Francis T. King and George B. Cole, asking an appropriation for a colored Manual School in the City of Baltimore.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Litzinger presented the petition of the members of the Gunpowder Club, of Baltimore county, asking the enactment of a law for the protection of sheep in Baltimore county.

Which was read and referred to the Baltimore county delegation.

Mr. Griswold presented the petition of colored persons for a law of chastity and bastardy.

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

Mr. Turner presented the petition of A. G. Quynn and twelve others, of Frederick city, praying the passage of the bill on its third reading, re-districting the city into ten wards, and a registration law for Frederick.

Also,

The petition of W. Brown, and twenty-three others, praying the passage of a bill re-districting and providing a registration law for Frederick city.

Which were severally read, and referred to the Select Committee already appointed on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Radcliffe,

Leave was granted to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries to prepare and report a bill for the better protection of bedded or planted oysters, prohibiting the hauling of seines over said beds, and imposing a penalty for hauling seines to the shores of persons, without obtaining permission from the owner thereof.

On motion of Mr. Banks,

Leave was granted to the Committee on the Library to introduce a bill, directing the State Librarian to furnish to the Faculty of Law of the University of Maryland certain law books from the State Library.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,