

eighty others of the 5th Election District of Somerset county, praying for a Local Option Law.

Which was read, and referred to the Select Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Merrryman presented the petition of Elizabeth McLachlan, for a pension.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Staylor presented the petition of Mary Briscoe, widow of Alex. Briscoe, Capt. Moale's Artillery, 1812--'14, for arrearage of pension and to be replaced on the pension rolls.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Nicodemus presented the petition of Frederick Hawman and others, of Frederick county, desiring to be re-instated upon the pension rolls.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Coulbourn presented a petition for local option from Lawson's district, Somerset county.

Which was read and referred to the Select Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of Ann Roberts, for a pension.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Koons presented the petition of Wm. F. Hall and five hundred other citizens of Maryland, praying that the word 'white' may be stricken from the Constitution of the State, where it occurs in reference to the elective franchise.

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

Mr. Johnson presented the petition of Capt. Levin S. McNamara and seventy-one others, for the better protection of oysters in the Chesapeake Bay.

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

Mr. Wier presented the petition of R. T. Semmes and one hundred and eighty others, of Allegany county, asking for the passage of a law providing for the introduction and protection of fish in the Potomac River.