

Charles Pennington, Assistant Secretary of State, delivered the following message from His Excellency, Gov. Wm. Pinkney Whyte:

ANNAPOLIS, February 5th, 1874.

*To the House of Delegates:*

I have the honor to inform you that I have approved and signed House Bill No. 4, being an Act to extend the charter of incorporation of the Baltimore and Philadelphia Steamboat Company.

WM. PINKNEY WHYTE.

Which was read.

Mr. Buchanan presented the petition of Jacob Baughman and eighty other citizens of Baltimore county, praying the passage of a *Local Option Law*, and a law to make the seller of spirituous or fermented liquors responsible for damages resulting from such sale.

Also,

The petition of Miss M. J. Carick, Mrs. E. J. Chalk, Miss Bell and one hundred and thirty-five other females, near Mount Washington, Baltimore county, in favor of *Local Option Laws*.

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

Mr. Greenfield presented the petition of Hamilton Easter & Co., Armstrong, Cator & Co., Hodges Bros., and other merchants of Baltimore, to require all persons selling goods by sample to take out a license therefor.

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

Mr. Vanderford presented the petition of the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster, and of sundry citizens of said city, praying the passage of an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Carroll county to pay annually a portion of the road tax levied upon the property within the corporate limits of said city, to the Mayor and Common Council, for the benefit of the streets, lanes and alleys of said corporation.

Which was read and referred to the Carroll delegation.

Also,

The petition of the Mayor and Common Council, and sundry citizens of Westminster, Carroll county, praying the passage of an Act to remedy any defect in the levy of taxes in said corporation, for the years 1871 and 1872.

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