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

Mr. McWilliams presented the petition of John Smith, Robert Patterson, and seventy five other citizens of the 4th election district of Caroline county, praying the passage of a Local Option and Damage Law.

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

Mr. McColgan presented the petition of Andrew J. Lowndes, Wm. E. Coale, and other citizens of Baltimore county, in favor of the extension of the limits of Baltimore city.

Which was read and referred to the Select Committee on the Extension of the Limits of Baltimore City.

Mr. Riley presented the petition of James H. Michael and other citizens of Harford county, asking for a general law offering a reward for hawks killed in this State.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Stake presented the petition of sundry merchants and other citizens of Washington county, praying the passage of a law to protect the merchants of the several counties by the enactment of laws to compel hawkers and pedlars to take out license in each county wherein they operate.

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

Mr. Merryman presented the petition of J. Harmanns Fisher, John T. Graham and other citizens residing at Mount Washington, in favor of absorbing the whole of Baltimore county by the city, in lieu of a part thereof.

Which was read and referred to the Select Committee on the Extension of the Limits of Baltimore City.

Mr. McAleese presented the petition of C. F. Miller, for the payment of claim against the State, for removing State property from the several armories and head-quarters to the steamboat wharves, and payment of freight thereon.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Pruitt submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Hon. A. D. Merrill was detained from his seat in this Body, during the evening session of yesterday,