The Speaker laid before the House the petition of J. W. Wiley, Presiding Bishop of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, now in session at Salisbury, Maryland, praying the passage of a Local Option Law, and also certain Resolutions from the Committee on Temperance of the same body upon the same subject.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also,

The following communication from Hon. Joshua Vansant, Mayor of the City of Baltimore, together with copy of Resolution named therein:

> MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Baltimore, March 9th, 1874.

To the Honorable,

The General Assembly of Maryland:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, approved March 9th, 1874, requesting the representatives of Baltimore City to the General Assembly of Maryland to secure such legislative action as will promote the end signified in the body of the "Resolution in relation to Police Commissioners and building of new Station-House" in Baltimore City.

With high regard,

Your obt. servant,

JOSHUA VANSANT,

Mayor

Which were severally read and referred to the Baltimore City delegation.

Mr. Joyce presented the petition of Wm. Marquardt, John J. Richardson and seven hundred others, against a Local Option Law.

Also,

The petition of George Whelinberg, John Kurtz and six hundred and thirty-eight others, against a Local Option Law.

Also,

The petition of Chas. H. Myers & Bro., Clabaugh & Graff, Chas. Darrell & Co. and eight hundred and twenty-five others, against a Local Option Law.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.