

Park Fund. All that was ever expected from this tax, was that it would pay the interest on the cost of the Parks, provide a sinking fund, and a reasonable fund for maintaining the Parks. This it now does two or three times over, but it does so at the cost of the enterprise itself.

Your Memorialist insists that if the tax is shown to be excessive, every sound principle of political economy requires that it should be reduced, and we earnestly beg that the matter be favorably considered by the General Assembly of Maryland at its present session—and that a rate be established which will secure to the city of Baltimore a fund ample for the maintenance of its Public Parks, and the payment of all debt contracted for the same, without seriously crippling the Street Railway enterprise itself, or depriving the public of its further extension and development.

Respectfully submitted by

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*President Balto. P. H & W. Co.*

Mr. Stevens presented the memorial of the yearly meeting of the Society of Friends, held at Lombard Street, in the city of Baltimore, asking that the "Death Penalty for Crime" may be changed to imprisonment at labor for a term of years, or for Life.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Mr. Blake presented petition of the Rev. John Foley and others, asking for aid to the House of the Good Shephard of Baltimore city.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Pititions of Rachel Talbot, Mary Barry, Elizabeth Edwards, Rachel A. Whalan and Ann Cherny, asking to be placed on Pension Roll.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Brattan presented the petition of two hundred and seventy-eight citizens of Somerset county, asking for a Local Option Law.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Steiner presented the petition of Laura Virginia Feagler and ninety others, citizens of Middletown, in Frederick county, praying the passage of a Local Option Law, and