

of Mordecai Mitchell, a soldier in the war of 1812, asking for a pension.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Crawford presented the petition of citizens of Wicomico county, praying for a Law to protect sheep and tax dogs.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Earle, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably on

The Senate bill entitled "An Act to add a sub-section to section 1 of Article — of the Code of Public General Laws, title General Assembly, sub-title mileage."

Which was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Blake, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the Baltimore City Passenger Rail Road Company, submitted the following

#### REPORT.

*To the Honorable*

*The General Assembly of Maryland:*

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Company, respectfully report that they find the statements and facts therein set forth substantially correct.

The books of the Company and of Register of the city of Baltimore show that since June 1st, 1862, when the old Company transferred the road to the present organization, to 1st January, 1874, the city of Baltimore has received from the Company, including the sum of \$75,000 due on the 1st February, and which the Company recognizes its obligation to pay, whenever it has the ability to do so, the enormous amount of \$1,089,896.23, the one-fifth part of its gross receipts for what is known as a "Park Tax."

The Committee find that because of this most onerous tax, and the additional heavy one of street repairs, (the Company being obliged to keep up the streets through which its lines run), and a license tax on each of its cars, in addition to the regular State tax, the Company has within the two last years been compelled to pass any dividend to its stockholders for as long as eighteen months, and that the dividends have only averaged four and one-half per cent. a year upon the Company's capital, in the whole time of its operations.