

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of sundry citizens of Kent county, against the repeal of the law in relation to catching fish in the head waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

On motion by Mr. Denson,

Leave was granted to the Senators from Baltimore city to introduce a bill entitled an Act to add an additional section to the Fourth Article of Public Local Laws, relating to the deputies of the Sheriff of Baltimore city.

On motion by Mr. McCulloh,

Leave was granted to Messrs. McCulloh, Walsh and Lloyd to report a bill entitled an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Allegany county to correctly assess and charge the devisees and assignees of the late Richard Caton, of Maryland, and his several daughters, with the lands belonging to them in Allegany county, from January 1st, 1873, and thereafter, so that the taxes really due thereon may be correctly ascertained and paid.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates appeared and delivered the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

March 18th, 1874.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We respectfully ask your Honorable Body to return to this House the bill entitled an Act relating to the Weigher of Hay and Straw at Canton, in Baltimore county.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,

Chief Clerk.

Also, returned

The Senate bill entitled an Act to establish a Commission of Fisheries of the State of Maryland, define its duties, and to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses thereof.

Endorsed "Passed by yeas and nays with proposed amendments."

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

Section 1. "And that one of the Commissioners shall come from the Eastern, and one from the Western Shore, of the State."

At the end of line 13, section 2, insert: "And that they also enquire into the expediency of constructing fish-ways or