

Which was read the first time and referred to the Baltimore City Senators.

The House bill entitled an Act to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to subscribe to the capital stock of the Baltimore and Drum Point Rail Road Company.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The House bill entitled an Act to authorize the sale of the Parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in Easton, Talbot county.

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Lloyd, Longwell and McCulloh.

The House bill entitled an Act authorizing the Trustees of Primary School District No. 104, of Frederick county, to dispose of a school house.

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Steiner, Mudd and Brattan.

The President presented the following :  
*To the Honorable the General Assembly*

*of the State of Maryland :*

The Board of Examiners of Pilots cannot allow the Session of the Legislature to close, without representing to your Honorable Bodies, the Senate and House of Delegates, their earnest but respectful remonstrance against the present attitude of the Pilot System of the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River. Believing that the present inefficiency of that service arises from all absence of competition, and from the fact that nothing is done within the existing monopoly to supply the wants of an increasing trade; we feel assured, that the evils we have had to deplore for some time, will increase instead of diminish. We wish to relieve ourselves of the responsibility of being identified with the execution of a law, which, in our experience, is not suited to the purposes for which it was enacted. We think, ample power should be given to some competent tribunal, to provide a remedy for the defects in the present law, and as the mode of redress we have suggested, has not met with the favor of your Honorable Bodies, we must relieve ourselves of the responsibility consequent upon holding position without the adequate power to enforce its operations for active good. We do not wish, by this expression of our views, to indicate our desire to resign our positions as Examiners, and we will continue to labor in the future, as we have done in the past, for the welfare of our community, and the protection of commerce.

W. H. PEROT,  
And Others.

Baltimore, April 2d, 1874.