

Mr. Laird presented a petition from Ernest A. Zeigler and 52 other citizens of Montgomery county, asking for the passage of a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of Hyattstown.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Grove, of Frederick, presented a petition from M. A. Turner and 88 other citizens of Buckeystown District, in opposition to the passage of the bill now pending before the General Assembly, prohibiting the sale of liquor within 3 miles of Forrest Grove Church, without submitting the same to the voters of said district.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Wilson presented a memorial from Edward Boutler, James D. Keely and 120 other citizens of Kent county, praying for the repeal of the law allowing the use of patent tongs for taking oysters in the waters of said county.

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

ORDERS.

On motion of Fuld, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Corporations be excused from attendance on the House for one hour.

On motion of Mr. Fockler, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Garrott be excused on account of business.

On motion of Mr. Orrick, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Monmonier be excused from attending to-day's session.

LEAVES TO INTRODUCE BILLS.

On motion of Mr. Sams,

Leave was granted to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries to introduce a bill entitled an Act to establish and promote the industry of oyster culture in Eastern Bay and its tributaries.