

Also, the memorial of 157 oystermen and persons engaged in the oyster business, citizens of Somerset county, against the repeal of the Somerset county planting law.

Also, the memorial of 60 citizens of Somerset county, residing in Crisfield District and engaged in catching oysters, praying that the oyster packers in Crisfield be required by law to collect and pay to the general oyster measurer the fees allowed by law.

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

The President presented the memorial of Albert Lowe, Le Clark, James H. Caulk and 25 other citizens Talbot county, against the repeal of the local option law.

Also, the memorial of Wm. T. Pastorfield, F. Harper and 33 other citizens of Talbot county, against the repeal of the local option law.

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

The President presented the following:

BALTIMORE, March 9th, 1892.

*To the Honorable,*

*the Senate of Maryland:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, through your Secretary, of an order recently adopted by your Honorable Body, requesting my opinion upon the three following questions:

1st. When the seat of a member of the Senate is contested, and pending said contest, and after the Committee on Elections of the Senate has presented its report on said contest and before any action has been taken on said report by the Senate, the contestee or sitting member dies, is it within the power of the President of the Senate, under the provisions of section 13, article 3, of the Constitution, to issue his warrant for a new election to fill the seat of the deceased member until after the Senate has finally disposed of said contest?

2. Is it within the constitutional power of the President of the Senate when, under section 13, of Article 3, of the Constitution, it becomes his duty to issue his warrant to fill a vacancy in the Senate caused by the