

of manufacturing stoves and shoes by contract in the Penitentiary.

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

Mr. Stump presented the petitions of William J. Price and 75 others, and of James Criswell and 31 others, citizens of Harford County, praying for a general fence law.

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

On motion by Mr. Freeman, it was

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal, that the absence of Mr. Steiner from the Sessions of the Senate during the last week, was occasioned by the illness of one of his family.

On motion by Mr. McLane, it was

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee on Claims be instructed to pay W. B. Peter, Clerk to the Committees on Finance and Corporations, from the 10th day of January, 1878, the day which his duties as Journal Clerk in the House of Delegates ceased.

Mr. Joyce submitted the following Senate Joint Resolutions:

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, That our Senators in Congress be, and they are hereby instructed, and our Representatives are requested, to vote for a bill now pending before Congress granting pensions to the survivors of the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the war with Mexico, in the years 1846, 1847 and 1848; and that they use all honorable means to pass the same into law.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of our Senators and Representatives.

Which were read the first time.

Mr. McLane, from the Committee on Finance, reported unfavorably,

The memorial of Christine Surgeons, of Baltimore City, asking for compensation for the loss of her son at Tobacco Warehouse, in the City of Baltimore.

Which was adopted.