

W. Price, John T. Norman and seventy others, asking for the passage of a dog law for the 4th Election District of Queen Anne's county.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Cockey, Neal and Mattingly.

Mr. Donaldson presented the petition of the Maryland Academy of Sciences with regard to the test for coal oil.

Which was read and referred to the Select Committee on the Subject.

Mr. Hoblitzell presented the petition for the removal of the stock yards to a more distant part of the county, signed by C. C. Fulton, D. J. Foley, Bro. & Co, Lazear & Co., Pearson, Lawrence & Co., A. P. Woods & Co., and others.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Naill presented the petition of Dennis Ramsburg and many other citizens of Frederick county, against the repeal of the Hansonville prohibitory liquor law.

Which was read and referred the Frederick delegation.

Mr. Stewart presented the following communication:

*To the Honorable, the General Assembly of Maryland:*

The Commissioners representing the State at the coming celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence, are desirous as far as practicable, to associate with a representation of the arts and products of the soil, mines and waters of Maryland, all objects that identify her with the origin of our independence; and especially do they desire, that the walls of the building, which they are about to erect, should be adorned with the portraits of the men, who signed the Declaration.

The Commissioners, therefore, most respectfully, solicit the passage of a Joint Resolution, permitting the temporary removal of the portraits, and the painting representing Washington resigning his commission, now in the Senate Chamber. The portraits, together with those belonging to the Historical Society of Maryland, including a full length of the first Lord Baltimore, will, it is believed, make a collection unique of its kind, and give to the Maryland Building a peculiar and most attractive feature.

As the question of safety may naturally occur to your Honorable Body, it is proper to state that the Maryland building will stand apart from other structures, and during the exhibition neither fires, nor even lamps, nor candles will be permitted within its walls; and beside the regular watch of the grounds, it will be in charge of the special attendants of the