

Mr. Goldsborough presented the petition of Daniel Sparkling and 265 others, of Caroline county, asking that no Stock Law be passed, effecting the third, fourth and fifth districts of said county, excepting that portion known as Tuckahoe Neck.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Goldsborough, Culbreth and Naill,

Also,

The petition of Thomas H. Ford and 548 others of Caroline county, asking for the repeal of so much of the law of 1874, chapter 453, as relates to said county, commonly known as the Local Option Law, and enact such law as may be deemed proper for the regulation and sale of spirituous and fermented liquors,

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Goldsborough, Culbreth and Hinks.

Mr. Naill presented the memorial of Theodore Schultz and 19 other stockholders of the Frederick and Spout Spring Turnpike Company, asking that there be no increase of toll imposed on the stockholders of said Company,

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Rinehart,

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal that Mr. Lamotte was detained from his seat, yesterday, on account of sickness in his family.

On motion of Mr. Koons,

WHEREAS demonstrations of violence and breaches of the peace, at elections, are to be deplored and should be condemned by every citizen.

*And whereas*, It is essential to a fair expression of the popular will that the amplest protection should be afforded to every person, at all times, and especially at and during an election, therefore

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether the Code of Public General Laws, relating to holding elections in this State, may not be so amended as to provide for the complete protection of every voter, in the exercise of the elective franchise, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that if Mr. Bird had been present when the vote was taken on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Printing, he would have voted in the negative.