

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from Hon. Levin Woolford, Comptroller of the Treasury.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Annapolis, February 2nd, 1876.

Hon. Lewis C. Smith,

Speaker of the House of Delegates:

Dear Sir.—In compliance with an order of the Honorable the House of Delegates, passed January 19, 1876, I herewith transmit to your Honorable Body a statement showing the annual receipts from all sources into the "Oyster Fund," for each and every year since the creation of that "Fund," and the annual disbursements for each and every year as aforesaid, in detail, for the use and maintenance of the Oyster Police of the State.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
LEVIN WOOLFORD,
Comptroller of the Treasury.

Together with accompanying report.

Which were severally read, and,

On motion of Mr. Donaldson,

Ordered to be printed forthwith, and referred to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

[See Document G.]

Mr. Whitelock presented the petition of 126 females residing near the Washington Factory, asking protection against drunkards.

Which was read and referred to the Baltimore county delegation.

Mr. Clark presented the petition of Nicholas Harding, praying for a pension, being a soldier of the war of 1812.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Boyle presented the petition of Joseph Stevenson and R. R. Vandiver and 48 others, asking that for the preservation and protection of fish in our waters and maintaining the rights of our citizens, that your Honorable Body will enact a most stringent law, with a heavy fine or penalty and provide for the enforcing thereof; to prevent any person or persons coming from an adjacent State, and not a citizen of our State, from fishing in our waters with stakes or drift nets.