

the County School Boards. I have deemed it proper thus to call attention to the subject; and hereafter I shall feel myself justified in declining to participate in making such appointments.

I am, your ob't ser't,

R. H. ALVEY,

Ch. Judge 4th Jud. Ct.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also,

The petition of W. A. Riddlemoser and other citizens of Washington county, asking the repeal of Section 2 of chapter 2, Public School Law.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Loane a member of the Select Committee on Gas Investigation, in place of Mr. Donaldson, relieved at his own request.

Mr. Snowden presented the petition of George Wheeler, Wilson H. Talbott and some 300 others from the counties interested, asking for a new county.

Which was read and referred to the Baltimore, Howard, Anne Arundel and Montgomery delegations.

Mr. Berkemeier presented the petition of P. Cloyway, J. Branan, David Kernan and 394 other citizens of Maryland, opposed to the present contract convict system of the Maryland Penitentiary.

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

Mr. Snowden presented the petition of James Gunby, Hower Donaldson and 60 other citizens of Prince George's county, asking the repeal of the Attachment Law.

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

Mr. Canby presented the petition of F. A. Sheffely, James Heath Dodge, W. L. Cash II, Arthur Stabler and 41 other citizens of Montgomery county, praying the passage of an Act providing that the County Commissioners shall appoint but one Collector of Taxes for said county.

Which was read and referred to the Montgomery delegation.

Also,

The petition of G. M. Watkins, T. J. Davis, Thomas E. Benson, Benjamin Hallowell and 100 other citizens, of Mont-