

Mr. Gordy presented the petitions of Jas. H. Mitchell and 82 others, Winder Hasting and 165 others, Lambert W. Parsons and 62 others, Leonard Timmons and 65 others, George Parsons and 25 others of Wicomico county, praying against the repeal of the present fence law of said county.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Gordy, Dashiell and Purnell.

Mr. Hooper presented the petition of Eli Kelly, William Brown and 25 other citizens of Baltimore county, asking for a change in the present system of collecting taxes in said county, also to tax all species of property.

Which was read and referred to the Baltimore county delegation.

Mr. Constable presented the petitions of Sylvester J. Whitlock and 36 others, Lytleton Green and 65 others, G. P. Whitaker and 32 others, and Joseph W. Coudon and 78 other citizens of Cecil county, asking for a joint resolution to be passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, instructing our delegation in Congress to vote and exert their influence to have the appropriation, asked by the War Department, to remove obstacles from the mouth of Susquehanna River.

Which was read and referred to the Cecil delegation.

Mr. Dashiell presented the petition of George H. Insley, and 30 other citizens of Tyaskin District, in regard to Oysters.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries.

Mr. Gill presented the petition of the members of the Baltimore Bar, for change in the terms of Court in Baltimore.

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

On motion of Mr. Dashiell, it was

Ordered, John T. Parsons have leave of absence for a few days on urgent private business.

On motion of Mr. Gordy, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Purnell have leave of absence until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Canby, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Griffith be excused from attendance to-day on account of important business.

On motion of Mr. Bird, it was

Ordered, That the leave of absence of Mr. Turner be extended on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Given, it was

Ordered, That Messrs. Smith and Curtis, of Baltimore county, be excused for their absence on Monday last, being unavoidably detained.