Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judi-

Mr. Hinks presented the petition of Mr. Wm. K. Dorsey, Register of voters for Woodville Election District, No. 18, of Frederick county, praying for the passage of an Act, authorising the County Commissioners of Frederick county, to compensate him for extraordinary services rendered by him.

Which was read and referred to the Frederick delegation.

Mr. Hoblitzell presented the petition of George M. Hock, Frank C. Hulte, H. W. Warfield, and 278 others, citizens of Maryland, opposed to the present contract, convict system in the Maryland Penitentiary.

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

Mr. Onley presented the petition of Thomas Conoway, John J. Ayers, and 79 others, asking for the better protection of small oysters, &c., in the Synepuxent Bay. in Worcester county.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Onley, Purnell and Gunby.

Mr. Sprigg presented the petition of McNeil and McCulloh, and 37 other merchants of Frostburg, asking for a change in the Attachment Law.

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

Mr. Lankford presented the petition of A. C. Miles and 106 citizens of Somerset county, for a change in the Local Option Law, in said county.

Which was read and referred to the Somerset delega-

Also,

The petition of Henry C. Dennis and 125 citizens of Crisfield District, in Somerset county, for a change in the Local Option Law, in said district.

Which was read and referred to the Somerset delegation.

Mr. Neal presented the petition of James Merrick and other citizens of Queen Anne's county, asking for a general re-assessment.

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

Also,

The petition of James Merrick and other citizens of Queen Anne's county, asking for a law imposing a poll tax.

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