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The petition of James D. Amos, Samuel Whiteford, and other citizens of Harford county, protesting against the passage of a law looking to the appointment of a Treasurer for said county.

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The petition of J W Jenkins and John W. Gulbreath, of Harford county, praying that the present system of collecting the taxes in said county, may be done away with as expensive, &c.

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Mr. Robinson submitted the following order:

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the knowledge of the General Assembly of Maryland, by reports of the proceedings of the District Court of the United States, sitting in the City of Baltimore, that the Grand Jury attached to said Court has presented certain citizens of the State of Maryland for offences alleged to have been by them committed at the late Municipal and State elections in the City of Baltimore.

*And whereas*, The said presentments indicate the purpose of the Republican party, in the State of Maryland, to apply in this State the means which that party has employed in the Southern States to possess itself of the complete control over State and Municipal affairs, whenever and wherever it has found itself in an actual minority.

*And whereas*, This General Assembly is determined, in so far as its power may extend, that it will not permit the people of this State to be reduced to the condition in which their brethren in Louisiana, and in other Southern States, have been left by the unconstitutional exercise of Federal power.

*Whereas*, The entire and absolute supremacy of law within the borders of this State, and the existence of ample and sufficient remedies for every offence against the elective franchise, leaves no room or excuse for any attempt to invoke the exercise of Federal authority for its protection, and

*Whereas*, The only purpose and object of the proceedings now being initiated in the United States District Court of this State, is to subordinate the political action of this State to the control of Federal authority in derogation of the rights and opinions of the people of this State, and

*Whereas*, We deem it to be the solemn duty of this General Assembly to resist, at every step, the progress of such a wrong; therefore,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be, and they are hereby directed, to report a Joint Resolution, re-