

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

Mr. Boyle presented the petition of John B. Streett, and other citizens of Harford county, praying that the present tax system of said county may be done away with.

Which was read and referred to the Harford delegation.

Mr. Neal presented the petition of J. V. Knotts, R. H. N. Roe, and others, asking for such change in the law pertaining to the Almshouse in Queen Anne's county, as may be deemed requisite.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Neal, Cockey and Mattingly.

Mr. Sprigg, presented the petition of 12 physicians and 22 other citizens of Allegany county, against the erection of slaughter houses near public roads.

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

Mr. Boyle presented the petition of Benjamin Amos and others, praying that no change be made in present tax system of Harford county.

Which was read and referred to the Harford delegation.

Mr. Hooper presented the petition of George V. Dell, and 57 other citizens of Baltimore county, asking for a change in the mode of appointing School Commissioners.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Lamotte, it was

Ordered, That Mr. Ruby have leave of absence for a few days on important business.

On motion of Mr. Neal,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker appoint one additional folder for the service of this House, and that said appointee be required to assist the pages in the performance of their duties as far as may be necessary.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the Assistant Doorkeeper act as Page as far as may be necessary.

On motion of Mr. Fenton,

WHEREAS, Several members of this House seem to be of the opinion that the number of subordinate officers are not sufficient for the proper service and attention required by said members,

And whereas, It is proper and right that the House should have direct information upon this subject before adopting any order relative thereto, therefore be it