

Mr. Steiner presented the memorial of Joseph Gooff, of Frederick county, complaining that he has been obliged to pay taxes on an assessment of \$16,890 for a piece of property owned by him, near Frederick city, which he purchased in 1871, at public sale, for \$12,000, and which, when offered again at public sale upon two occasions, only commanded an offer of \$7,000, and praying that he may be refunded the State taxes he has paid on \$9,890 for the years 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875, and that an Act may be passed authorizing the County Commissioners of Frederick county, to refund him the county taxes paid on the same amount for the same years.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Phelps presented the memorial of sundry citizens of the Town of Cambridge, Dorchester county, in opposition to the Cambridge and Chesapeake Railroad.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Phelps, Aydelotte and Cooper.

The President presented the following communication :

BALTIMORE, March 10th, 1876.

*Hon. Dan'l Fields,*

*President of the Senate :*

Dear Sir:—It is due to yourself and the Senate, to state that my absence from my post is caused by severe and painful indisposition. At present I am not able to leave my room.

Dr. Allan Smith promises to have me out in a few days, when I shall instantly resume my duties.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

C. J. Fox,  
Reporter.

Which was read.

Mr. Phelps, from the Committee on Labor and Immigration, reported unfavorably,

Senate bill entitled an Act to encourage immigration to the State of Maryland.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lloyd, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably,

House bill entitled an Act to appropriate a sum of money to pay Edward V. Morris, Tax-Collector for the 1st and 2d Districts of Caroline county, for the years 1872 and 1873, for money overpaid into the Treasury.

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Walsh, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably,