

Magistrates to all cases of assault and battery, hitherto given to Magistrates Courts,

Which was referred to the Washington county delegation.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of Jos. Philips and 42 others, to build a wharf on Elk river, in Elkneck, Cecil county.

Which was referred to Cecil county delegation.

Also a memorial of ninety citizens of the first election district of Cecil county, asking the repeal of the act of 1853 taxing dogs in said county, or the exemption of said district from the operations of said law or any other law that may be passed on the same subject.

Which was referred to the Cecil county delegation.

Mr. Jarrett presented a petition from sundry citizens of Harford county for the registration of births, marriages, and deaths;

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Stubbs presented a report of the trustees of West Nottingham Academy, made in accordance with provisions of the laws for the year 1855;

Which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Comptroller of the Treasury furnish to this House a statement of the debt due by the State, and at what time or times the same will become payable; a statement shewing the amount of the sinking fund and the amount and rate of interest which it bears; the amount of stock owned by the State in each of the several companies incorporated within her limits, distinguishing between productive and unproductive stocks; the amount due the State upon bond or mortgage by each of the incorporations in the State indebted to her; and the amount of money now in the Treasury;

Which was read and adopted.

Also, submitted the following:

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House be and he is hereby directed to issue a summons at the instance of any two members of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the existence, principles and purposes of any secret political societies in this State, for such witnesses as they may designate, to appear and give testimony before said committee, commanding said witnesses to bring with them when required, such books, papers or records as may be in their possession or under their control, and be designated by the members of the committee directing the summons;