

adjustment of the western boundary line between Maryland and Virginia;

Which was referred to the special committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Ford, of Cecil, presented a petition from G. H. Thompson and thirty other citizens of Cecil county, in favor of the passage of an act to incorporate the common schools in said county;

Which was referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Kilgour offered the following ordered :

Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice, enquire into the expediency of so amending the criminal law of this State, so as to punish Free Negroes who shall steal property of the value of fifty dollars or under, by imprisonment in the county jail for six months, and they to be transported beyond the limits of the State ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kilgour offered the following order:

Ordered, That the warden of the Penitentiary furnish the House with a statement of the number of negro slaves and free negroes now in confinement in the Penitentiary ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wickes offered the following order:

Ordered, That one Delegate from Kent county be added to the joint special committee, for the purpose of enquiring into the fisheries and productions of Chesapeake bay and its tributaries;

Which was adopted, and

Mr. Wickes was added to said committee.

Mr. Ford, of Cecil, offered the following order:

Ordered, That if Mr. Alexander, the chairman of the committee on Judiciary, had been present last evening when the vote was taken to incorporate the Port Deposit and Columbia Railroad Company, he would have voted in the affirmative;

Which was adopted.

The Secretary of the Senate returned the following bills:

A bill entitled, an act further supplemental to the act of 1852, chapter 317, entitled, an act to incorporate the Santa Clara Mining Association of Baltimore, and to amend the said act of incorporation so as to allow the President and Directors of said Association to assess the shares of capital stock in said Association;

Endorsed, "passed by yeas and nays, with proposed amendment."