

tutions therein mentioned, passed January session, 1853, chapter 441;

Endorsed, "passed by yeas and nays;"

Which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on Currency.

Also returned the following bills :

A bill entitled, an act for the relief of the trustees of John Thawley, former collector of taxes in Caroline county ;

Endorsed, "passed by yeas and nays:" also,

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of the sureties of Edward S. Young, former State tax collector of Caroline county.

Endorsed; "passed by yeas and nays."

Mr. Sudler, of Queen Anne's county, presented a petition of Wm. A. Downs, M. Fountain, Ezekial T. Merrick and seventeen others, asking the passage of a law to open and clean out Long Marsh Ditch;

Also, presented the petition of Wm. Barnes and twenty-four other citizens of Caroline and Queen Anne's counties for the opening and cleaning out Long Marsh Ditch :

Which were severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Tongue presented the memorial of James Higgins asking to have refunded to him certain moneys expended by him for the use of the State ;

Which was referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Stirling, from the committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably on the bill entitled, an act for the relief of George Finley, former collector of Queen Anne's county.

On motion of Mr. Sudler, of Queen Anne's, the rules were suspended, and

Said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Larrimore,

The rules were suspended, and the said bill was read the third time, three-fourths concurring, and passed by yeas and nays as follow:

**AFFIRMATIVE.**

Messrs. Berry, Sp'r,	Grieves,	Kennard,
Morgan,	Davis,	Lynch, of B. city,
Wickes,	Kidd,	Harrington,
Tongue,	Contee,	Crowley,
Mackubin,	Larrimore,	Forrest,
Kilbourn,	Sudler, of Q. A.	Alexander,