

Leave was granted to the committee on the Judiciary, to introduce a bill to make valid a deed from M. S. Wickersham and wife to John Plumley, Jr.

Mr. Bacon introduced the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the practicability and probable cost of removing obstructions to navigation in the head waters of the Chesapeake Bay, near the mouth of the Susquehanna River, have been ascertained by an actual survey and examination, authorised by the General Government, and a partial appropriation for that purpose already made, therefore,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our representatives in Congress be requested to urge upon that Body the necessity and propriety of such further appropriation as may be required for the accomplishment of such improvement, and that printed copies hereof, be transmitted to each of the representatives aforesaid ;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Stirling offered the following order:

Ordered, That the memorial of the Trustees of the Male Free School of Baltimore, heretofore referred to the committee on Ways and Means, be referred to the committee on Education;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

The rules were suspended, and he presented the petition of Mrs. Ellen Shark, widow of John Shark, a soldier in the Maryland Line of the Revolutionary war, for a pension,

Which was referred to the committee on Pensions.

Also, the petition of Mrs. Easter Williams, widow of Henry Williams, a soldier in the Maryland Line of the Revolutionary war, for a pension,

Which was referred to the committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sterling proposed the following message:

*By the House of Delegates,*

January 19th, 1858.

*Gentlemen of the Senate.*

We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, that the joint committee heretofore appointed on the Maryland Hospital, have authority to visit the city of Balti-