

And the petition of J. C. Weems and others, citizens of Anne Arundel county, praying an alteration in the license system so as to prevent the unlawful dealing with negroes; a change in the place of holding the elections in the eighth election district of said county, and for other purposes;

Severally read and referred to Messrs. Owens, Murray, Dorsey, Hammond and Clarke.

Mr. Grove presented the petition of Charles A. Fletcher, John Simpson, John Fletcher and Lewis Sigler, and others of Washington county, praying a restriction of the number of magistrates in each election district of Washington county, and for other purposes;

Read and referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Crain presented the petition of Zachariah Turner of Charles county, praying the passage of a law authorising William Matthews of Charles county, to pay him a certain sum of money therein mentioned.

And the proceedings of a large and respectable meeting of the citizens of Charles county, convened at Bryan Town in said county, expressive of their opinions relative to the pecuniary embarrassment of the times, and proposing the enactment of stay laws to afford relief;

Severally read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Semmes presented the petition of sundry citizens of Prince George's county, praying the passage of a law to prevent other than citizens of this State entering our creeks and harbors and destroying the wild fowl;

Read and referred to Messrs. Semmes, Tuck, Hamilton and Barker.

Mr. Gallagher presented the memorial of the stockholders of the Western Bank, praying for the passage of an act to reduce the stock of said bank to twenty dollars per share;

Read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Hall, Randall, Risteau, Walker and Welsh, to bring in a bill in relation to the levy of taxes in Baltimore county for collection in 1842.

Mr. Powder presented two several petitions of citizens of Carroll county, praying a repeal of the direct tax law;

Severally read, and

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the said petitions be laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Morsell,

Ordered, That the committee on Inspections inquire into the expediency of authorising the appointment of officers in the city of Baltimore to be styled Inspectors, Weighers and Measurers of Wheat—and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Morsell,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Morsell, Spence, Owens, Causin