

Mr. Sherwood of Talbot presented the petition of fifty-three citizens of district No. 2, in Talbot county, praying a special act in reference to gates on public roads, &c., in said county.

And the petition of sundry citizens of school district No. 5, in election district No. 4, praying an alteration in the school law; changing the time of electing primary school trustees in Talbot county;

Severally read and referred to Messrs. Sherwood of Talbot, Colston and Bowdle.

Mr. Weems presented the petition of sundry citizens of Calvert county, in relation to the wood hucksters in the city of Baltimore;

Read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Loans be directed to report to this House, what amount of money or coupons was transmitted by him to London to meet the interest upon the public debt due in London on the 1st January 1842—at what time the same was so transmitted—in what manner and at what time the same was drawn from the Treasury—under what law the same was so drawn and transmitted—and whether the said money was borrowed by him for the use of the State under resolution No. 3, passed at the March session 1841.

Mr. Risteau presented the report of the trustees of St. James' academy of Baltimore county;

Read and referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,

Ordered, That it be entered on the journal that Mr. Starr is detained from seat in this House by indisposition.

Mr. Hammond submitted the following:

Whereas, The interest upon the currency debt of the State was paid to October 1841, and the interest of the sterling debt was paid by the State up to the 1st July 1841; and whereas, by the fifth section of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, chapter thirty-three, the Commissioner of Loans is directed semi-annually, in April and October of each year, to draw upon the Treasurer of the Western Shore for the amount of interest due upon the sterling debt, and all charges and duty, and to transmit the same to the Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Company, of London, who are thereby constituted the agent of the State for the payment of the interest on its public debt; and whereas, the object of said act was to provide for the payment of the public debt of 1840 and 1841, as is declared and enacted by the fourth section of said act; and whereas, both the resolution No. 14, passed December session 1840, and the resolution No. 3, passed in April 1841, directed that money should be borrowed to liquidate the interest accruing upon the public debt in the year 1841 and of course in aid of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, chapter thirty-three, which had failed to realize the amount of money contemplated by those who enacted it; and whereas,