

an act may pass to enroll and organize the militia of this State, and to encourage the formation of uniform volunteer companies ;

Read and referred to the committee on the Militia.

Mr. Shaw presented the petition of Basil Crabster, in regard to damages he sustained by the opening a public road through his land in Carroll county.

Read and referred to Messrs. Shaw, Richardson, Brown, Crampton and Powder.

Mr. Hopkins presented the petition of Samuel Davis, of Harford county, praying that he may be placed on the out pension list of said county ;

Read and referred to the committee on Pensions to Indigent Persons by County Assessment.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of Michael Whiteford of Harford county, praying compensation for services done and in said petition mentioned ;

Read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Shaw presented the petition of Amos Lightner, and others, citizens of Carroll county, praying a repeal of the direct tax law.

Mr. Powder presented the petition of Melcher Alger, and others, citizens of Carroll county, praying a repeal of the direct tax law.

Severally read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Dade presented the report of the inspector of tobacco at warehouse No. 4, in the city of Baltimore ;

Read and referred to the committee on Inspections.

Mr. Phelps submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Speaker appoint a committee of seven, to take into consideration the subject of retailing cord wood in the city of Baltimore, and to adopt some mode, if possible, to prevent the monopoly now exercised in said city by the wood-huxters, as they are commonly called, and that the said committee be permitted to report to this House by bill or otherwise.

Which was read and laid on the table.

On Motion of Mr. Simperts,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Simperts, Crookshanks, Janney and Lackland, to bring in a bill to authorise the measuring of cord wood in the village of North East, and on the shores of North East river, in Cecil county.

On motion of Mr. Key,

Ordered, That the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, inquire if any, and what further legislation may be necessary to regulate the fees of county surveyors in this State, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Worthington,

Ordered, That the committee on Inspections be instructed to inquire into the propriety of reporting a bill reducing the amount of bond required of the tobacco inspectors in Baltimore.