

annual interest, and such distribution shall be *pro rata*, among the foreign and domestic creditors; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to interfere with those claims, which by law are now entitled to priority.

Which was read the first time and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Graves, chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, made the following

REPORT:

The committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolutions submitted by Mr. Key of St. Mary's, on the 13th January inst. have had the same under consideration, and beg leave respectfully to report,—That they have prepared a bill which they will submit to this House, providing for the collection of the taxes of 1841 and 1842, in two instalments, payable in June and September next, and of 1843, in four equal instalments, payable in 1844, beginning with the 1st of January; and the committee now beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of said resolutions.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. GRAVES, Chairman.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Buskirk, from the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to which was recommitted the bill entitled, an act to give to justices of the peace jurisdiction in the matter of the appearance bonds of insolvent debtors, reported that the committee were still of the opinion that the said bill ought not pass;

Which was read the second time by special order.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,

Ordered, That said bill be laid on the table.

On Motion of Mr. Starr,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Starr, Gallagher and Risteau, to bring in a bill limiting the term of holding office under the Executive annual appointments.

The rule being suspended,

Mr. Buskirk presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cumberland, praying an act to incorporate the Mountaineer Hose Company;

Read and referred to Messrs. Buskirk, Neff, Pickell and Buchanan.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

Leave was granted to the committee on Ways and Means to bring in a bill entitled, an act for the extension of the charter of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Phelps, Green, Nicols, Lecompte of Carroll and Buskirk, to bring in a bill for the better security of creditors of this State.

On motion of Mr. Crain,