

Read and laid on the table.

Mr. Sherwood of Talbot presented the report of the commissioners of Talbot county, in reference to the primary schools of said county, showing the proceedings of said commissioners in relation thereto;

Read and referred to the committee on Education, to be hereafter appointed.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of William Wilson of Harford county, for an amendment to the act of March session 1841, chapter 23, so as to relieve mortgages from taxation upon the amount of their mortgages;

Read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to be hereafter appointed.

Mr. Grove presented the petition of Peter Jones, John H. Smith, Aaron Kretzer and others, members of the Sharpsburg Union Band, praying to be incorporated;

Read and referred to Messrs. Grove, Weber, Boteler, Harne and Nesbit.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on Claims, hereafter to be appointed, be instructed not to allow any member or officer of the Legislature payment for any day on which such member or officer is absent the entire day from the city of Annapolis;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Semmes,

Postponed until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Starr,

Ordered, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the practicability and expediency of abolishing prison labor from the Maryland Penitentiary, or such portions thereof as conflicts or comes into competition with the most numerous branches of mechanical trades;

Whereupon, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Starr, Gallagher, Welsh, Tuck, Phelps, Semmes and Kilgour, said committee.

Mr. Murray submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the door-keeper of the House of Delegates, cause to be put up, regularly lighted, at the proper hours, during this session, one lamp at each of the gates of the public circle, and one in Church street, at the foot of Chancery lane;

Which was read the first, and by special order the second time.

On the question being put,

Will the House assent to the said resolution?

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

The yeas and nays were required and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Causin

Janney

Starr

Thomas

Tuck

Spence

Sutton

Clements

Grove