

Mr. Buskirk presented the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, in relation to the National road ;

Read and referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

On motion of Mr. Crain,

The House took up the following bills ;

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the minor children of Zepheniah Turner, of Charles county ;

And the bill entitled, an act to authorise the sale of a portion of the real estate of Menchin Lloyd, of Charles county ;

Severally read the second time by special order, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Buskirk reported a bill entitled, an act for the relief of John Nickum, of Frederick county ;

Read the first and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Buskirk laid before the House the answer of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, to an order of the House of Delegates, through the committee on Internal Improvement ;

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Which was read and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The House took up the report of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, on the leave to bring in a bill to abolish the High Court of Chancery ;

Read the second time.

Mr. Phelps then moved the following as a substitute for said report :

An act to abolish the High Court of Chancery of this State.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the High Court of Chancery of this State, be and it is hereby abolished.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That all petitions or bills filed, or other unfinished business now in said court, be and it is hereby referred to the consideration and final action of the different courts of this State, sitting as Courts of Chancery in the different counties of this State, Howard District and the city of Baltimore, in which the petition of bills filed, or other unfinished business may have originated.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the different district courts of this State, be and they are hereby authorised and directed to sit at least twice in each year, in each and every county of this State, Howard District and the city of Baltimore, as a Court of Chancery, and that one judge be competent to hold such court : provided nevertheless, nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorise any increase of salary of the judges of this State.

Which was read.

Mr. Lecompte of Carroll submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the report of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, on the leave of Mr. Phelps, together with the