

Mr. Shaw presented the petition of Joseph Warner and others, praying a repeal of the direct tax law ;

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

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

Ordered, That the committee on Claims, allow H. G. S. Key, Esq., a member of this House, his per diem and itinerant charges from the commencement of the session.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk,

Ordered, That the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, be required to report to this House, the different rates of tolls charged upon said road since its completion to Cumberland, with a particular classification of the same, as established by said company, and printed for the government of the respective agents and officers along the line of said road ; and also, a copy of the specific rates charged for every particular discription of produce, merchandize, or minerals, with referencæ to the distance which such article is transported, commencing with the first class, and giving the different articles which are chargeable with the highest rate of tolls, and so on, to the second, third and fourth classes respectively, with the particular distance annexed to each class of articles transported on said road ; and a like statement, with respect to distane, as regards the transportation of passengers on said road.

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

Leave was granted to the committee on Retrenchment to bring in a bill entitled, an act to fix the salaries of the Governor and Secretary of State.

On motion of Mr. Graves,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Graves, Gallagher and Starr, to bring in a bill for the relief William Poe of Baltimore city, from penalties incurred under the act, passed December session 1838, chapter 15.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The House took up the order submitted by him on the 28th ultimo, instructing the committee on Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of selling the interest of the State in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

The question being on the adoption of the order ;

And on being put, it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Nicols,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Nicols, Sherwood of Caroline and Thawley, to bring in a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the village of Hillsboro' in Caroline county.

On motion of Mr. Springer,

Ordered, That his Excellency the Governor, be respectfully requested to cause the National Flag to be displayed from the top of the State House steeple on Monday the ninth of January inst. in commemoration of the victory achieved by the American troops