

Mr. Crain presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Charles county, praying legislative action in reference to the collection of debts, and praying particularly a suspension of the collection of all judgments for three years ;

Read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Traverse presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Dorchester county, praying relief therein mentioned ;

Read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Phelps presented the petition of sundry citizens of Dorchester and Caroline counties, praying the passage of a law authorising the levy court of Caroline county and the commissioners of the tax of Dorchester county, to levy upon the assessable property of the two counties aforesaid, a sum of money sufficient to erect a new bridge across the river at Federalburg ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Phelps, Nicols and Green.

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the propriety of abolishing or modifying the postage privilege of the members of the legislature.

Which was read.

Mr. Worthington submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the committee on Claims be directed not to allow Marcy Fountain any compensation from the time of his appointment as a clerk of this House, until his appearance in the committee room.

On motion of Mr. Owens,

Ordered, That the said order be laid on the table.

Mr. Sutton submitted the following order :

Ordered, That when this House adjourns it adjourns over to 12 o'clock on Monday ;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That said order be laid on the table.

Mr. Graves, chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, to which were referred certain orders submitted by Mr. Phelps on the 28th December, reported that the said committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed him to ask to be discharged from any further consideration for the present on the first order in reference to the foreclosure of the mortgage which the State of Maryland holds upon the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and that the same might be referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice ;

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Gallagher, chairman of the committee on Corporations, reported a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the German Washington Beneficial Society of Fell's and State of Maryland ;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Also, as chairman of the same committee, to which was referred