

claims upon the State to have the sum prayed for by them, refunded to them.

All which is respectfully submitted,
 J. M. PARKE,
 of the committee on education.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Tuck, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice to whom was referred the petition of Bernard Gilpin of Montgomery county, reported unfavorably thereon;

Read and laid on the table.

Also, from the same committee, reported a bill entitled, an additional supplement to an act entitled, an act against excessive usury, passed 1704, chapter 69;

Read and laid on the table.

Mr. McPherson reported a bill entitled, an act to make valid the manumission of negroes Charles and George, under the last will and testament of Elizabeth Sevier, late of Frederick county, deceased;

Read and referred to the committee on colored population.

Mr. Spence reported a bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act to authorise the appointment of commissioners and the division of Worcester county into school districts and for other purposes;

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

Mr. Winder submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners for Somerset county, be and they are hereby authorised and required to pay annually in equal quarterly payments to the Trustees of Potatoe Neck Academy, or their order, the sum of two hundred dollars out of the portion of the interest of the State's share of the surplus revenue of the United States, that shall be apportioned to Somerset county, or out of the portion, allotted to said county, of any dividends, revenues, or funds, that may be substituted by the General Assembly for the interest on said surplus revenue, or out of the general school fund, apportioned by the State to that county, if the substitution shall be for all funds without discrimination, now appropriated by the State to the purposes of education in free or common schools; provided, that said trustees and their association, as incorporated by the General Assembly, shall cause five minors, bona fide residents of Potatoe Neck, and whose parents shall be unable, or whose property shall be insufficient, to pay for their education, to be educated annually in said academy, free of charge; and to be supplied with the books, stationary and implements necessary and proper for their education and instruction; and to be admitted on a footing of perfect equality with all other students or pupils of the academy, to a participation of all its accommodations, benefits, privileges and advantages; and shall make semi annual reports to the commissioners for Somerset county, and annual reports to the Governot