

authorising the closing of judgements in the several county courts of this State; and

The bill entitled an act for the relief of Christian Tabler, of Berkeley county, in the State of Virginia,

Were returned to the senate.

The Speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Cecil county, relative to the several sums of money paid by him into the Eastern Shore Treasury, within the year ending on the 30th of November last;

Which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Graves,

He was excused by the house from serving upon the select committee appointed on the petition of the commissioners of Baltimore county, praying the passage of an act regulating the joint property of the city and county of Baltimore, and Mr. Seidenstricker was substituted in his place.

Mr. Presstman presented the petition of Sarah Martin, praying for a divorce from her husband, William Martin;

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Presstman also presented the memorial of John Gibson, Henry Didier, and others, praying for an act to incorporate the Rose Hill Improving Company;

Also presented the memorial of Jacob Heald, and others, citizens of the city of Baltimore, praying an act of incorporation for the Powhattan Steam Boat Company;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. E. A. Lynch presented the petition of Walter B. Kemp, praying the benefit of the insolvent laws of this State;

Which was read and referred to the committee on insolvency.

Mr. England presented the petition of Rezin Smallwood, (a colored man) praying relief therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. England, Gaither, Gittings, and Gott.

Mr. William Lynch presented the petition of sundry citizens of Jefferson, in Frederick county, praying the repeal of the law, under which the Geologist of the State is appointed, and to divide the State into two Geological districts;

Which was read and referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Richardson presented the following petitions, viz :

The petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying for an alteration of the laws in relation to hawkers and pedlars,

Which was read referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice;<sup>1</sup>

The petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying for the passage of a law authorising and requiring the levy court of said