

Also a report from the clerk of Allegany county, relative to the several sums of money paid by him into the Western Shore Treasury, within the year ending on the 30th November:

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

Mr. Gaither submitted the following message:

Which was read, assented to and sent to the senate.

*By the House of Delegates,*  
December 31st, 1840.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We propose with the concurrence of your honorable body to proceed to the election of Senator of the United States, this day at twelve o'clock. John Leeds Kerr, Esq., has been put in nomination on the part of this house and we have appointed Messrs. Gaither and Nicols, to join such gentlemen as may be named on the part of your Honorable body to count the ballots and report the result.

By order,

George G Brewer, clerk.

Mr. Seidenstricker presented the petition of S. C. Etherington, praying for a divorce from her husband John Etherington;

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.  
Mr. Seidenstricker also presented the memorial of William Armour, Abraham Sliver, and John W. Woods, praying for a renewal of the charter of the "Jackson Beneficial Society of Baltimore," with certain amendments;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Seidenstricker, Le Grand, Graves, Prestman, and Gallagher.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of Samuel C. Broughton, praying for the passage of an act to authorise him to bring into this State; certain slaves therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to the committee on colored population.

Mr. Richardson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick Town, praying for legislative action, to prevent the passage of wheel carriages over the pavements or side-walks in said town;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Richardson, Nail, and E. A. Lynch.

Mr. Tall obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act for the better regulation of the harbor and port of Baltimore;

Ordered, That Messrs. Tall, Jones of Somerset, Hooper, Causin, and Prestman, report the same.

Mr. Randall, submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, certain citizens of this State have been known to hire out to certain companies, their pretended influence over past Legislatures, and said companies have, at the most extravagant prices employed such influence—Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no in*