

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

Mr. Billingslea presented the petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying for the passage of an act, for building a bridge over Winter's Run, at Water's mill;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Billingslea, Whiteford, Sutton and Hope.

Mr. Billingslea also presented the petition of 118 citizens of Harford county, praying the passage of a law authorising the commissioners to make an allowance to Stump & Jackson, and for other purposes;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Billingslea, Whiteford, Sutton, Hope, and Matthews.

The Speaker presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Anne Arundel county, praying the repeal of the law, under which the Geologist is appointed;

Which was read and referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. George presented the petition of sundry citizens of Queen Anne's county, to drain more effectually the Unicorn Branch in said county;

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Gantt presented the petition of sundry citizens of Howard District and Montgomery county, praying the passage of a law authorising the erection of a bridge therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Gantt, Estep, Dorsey, Gott and Gaither.

Mr. Gantt presented the memorial of George Ellicott, asking the withdrawal of his name from a petition therein mentioned;

Which was read.

On the question being put, will the house grant his request? it was

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Poultney,

Ordered, That it be entered on the journal, that Mr. Poultney, of Baltimore county, was not in the house when the vote was taken on the supplement to an act, entitled an act to repair injuries done by rail road carriages and engines upon the several rail roads of this State, passed at December session 1838, ch. 244, by which the agents of such companies are disqualified as witnesses in its behalf; and that if he had been in the house, he would have voted against it.

On motion of Mr. Randall,

Ordered, That the committee on internal improvements be instructed to enquire whether the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company be, or be not, in the habit of permitting directors, and all the members of their families, lawyers who have been employed by the company, and cashiers, who have acted as disbursing agents of this company, to ride, without charge, upon their road; and that they