

Mr. William Lynch presented the petition of sundry citizens of the Point of Rocks and its vicinity, in Frederick county, praying the passage of a law to abolish the office of the State Geologist, and to divide the State into two geological districts, &c.;

Which was read and referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Nicols presented the report of the justices of the orphans' court of Caroline county, in relation to the school funds of said county;

Which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Gantt presented the memorial of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company, praying additional aid from the State.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Gantt, Matthews, Mac-cubbin, Gittings, Claggett, Martin and Boyle

Mr. Nail presented the petition of Mary Dorsey, of Frederick county, praying to be divorced from her husband, Benjamin Dorsey;

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces;

Mr. Sprigg, of Allegany, presented the petition of John M. Carleton, John North and Meshack Browning, praying the passage of a law authorising the commissioners of Allegany county to levy such sum of money as may be deemed a fair compensation for their services as assessors;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Sprigg, of Allegany, Coombs and Thayer.

Mr. Hellen obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled an act for the better regulation of private banking in this State;

Ordered, That Messrs. Hellen, Estep, Graves, Hooper and Willis report the same.

Mr. Shower obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled an act to incorporate the Manchester Library Company, in Carroll county;

Ordered, That Messrs. Shower, Stull and Lecompte report the same.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Lynch,

Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the insolvent laws of this State, as to require of all petitioners for their benefit, to exhibit to the judge or justice before whom their petition is presented, before a personal release is granted, a certificate from the clerk of the county in which they reside, that they had not made application for such benefit, or obtained a personal release, within two years preceding such application.

Mr. Le Grand submitted the following message; which was read, assented to and sent to the senate:

*By the House of Delegates,*

February 4, 1841.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We respectfully ask the return to this house of a bill, entitled an