

Which was read and referred to the committee on internal improvements.

Mr. Coade presented the petition of Thomas E. Harrison, and other citizens of St. Mary's county, counter to the petition of Levi Dent, and others, praying the passage of a law to open a road therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Coade, Heard, and Causin.

Mr. Brent, from the committee on coloured population, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of sundry citizens of Kent Island, in Queen Anne's county, praying a modification of the law of 1839, in relation to free negroes and mulattoes;

Which was twice read and concurred in.

Mr. Zeigler presented the petition of Nathan McDowell, of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law authorising him to bring into this State, a certain free negro woman;

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

Mr. Ford presented the petition of William J. Ford, of Queen Anne's county, praying to be admitted into the primary school in Piney neck, of said county;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Ford, Paça and George.

Mr. Maxwell presented the memorial of William Pearce, James Trimble and others, praying an act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Company, in Cecil county, for certain purposes specified therein;

Which was read and referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. Matthews presented the petition of Josiah Hawkins, Theophilus Hawkins, Luke W. B. Hawkins, Mary Hawkins, and John Matthews, guardian to John Weems, Francis W. Weems, and Thomas Matthews, to authorise the county court of Charles county to issue a commission for the division of the real estate of Francis W. Hawkins and Jane L. Hawkins, deceased;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Matthews, Brent and Bowling.

Mr. Sprigg, of Allegany, obtained leave to bring in a bill to increase the sheriffs' commissions for the collection of officers' and attorneys' fees, in Allegany county;

Ordered, That Messrs. Sprigg, of Allegany, Coombs and Thayer report the same.

Mr. Weems obtained leave to bring in a bill to provide for the repairs of the public roads in Calvert county;

Ordered, That Messrs. Weems, Hellen and Dalrymple report the same.

Mr. Brent from the committee on colored population, to which was referred the petition of George H. Steuart, administrator de bonis non of Caleb Batson, asked that said committee be discharged from the further consideration of said petition, and that it be referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice;