

Means to which were referred the petition of the Vestry of Saint James's Parish, praying to exempt the real property of said Parish from taxation;

And the petition of the President and Directors of the Farmers and Millers' Bank of Hagerstown, praying an extension of the time for paying the second and third instalments of their bonus to the State, reported unfavorably thereon;

Severally read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Boyle presented the report of the trustees of Manchester Academy of Carroll county;

Read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Carmichael, chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the resolution in favor of Captain George W. Sherwood, reported that the said committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed him to ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof;

Which was read and concurred in, and

On motion of Mr. Geyer,

Said resolution was referred to the committee on the Militia.

Mr. Boyle presented the petition of Eli Hewit and others of Carroll county, praying certain relief therein mentioned;

Read and referred to Messrs. Boyle, Stull and Davis.

The Speaker called Mr. Carmichael to the chair.

Mr. Eccleston, from the select committee to which was referred the memorial of the President and Directors of the Nanticoke Bridge Company, praying for the relinquishment to said company of the dividend due the State of Maryland, submitted the following preamble and resolution relating to the Nanticoke Bridge Company.

Whereas, it has been represented to this General Assembly, that the bridge over the Nanticoke river, at Vienna, between Dorchester and Somerset counties, is now in a state of extreme dilapidation, and without extensive and immediate repairs will soon be impassible; and whereas, it is of vast importance, being on the post route and only thoroughfare for the Southern counties of the Eastern Shore, and the citizens of that portion of the State will suffer great inconvenience and injury from its decay, and be obliged to resort to the use of a ferry boat, which necessity at that place would at all time produce great difficulty and danger, and at the inclement seasons of the year, make the river impassible; and whereas, the destruction of said bridge would render the navigation of the Nanticoke at that place very hazardous by reason of the piles and other obstructions, which would remain, unless removed at great public expense; and whereas this State owns one third of the stock in the said bridge, which will become wholly unavailing and worthless, unless the repairs are kept up; and whereas, there is now due this State dividends already declared, and in the hands of the said bridge company, but not called for, to the amount of \$716.66 $\frac{2}{3}$; and whereas, the said company are unable to repair said bridge, without the aid of the State, and will be