

Which which was read, concurred in, and the said petition accordingly referred.

Mr. Forwood presented the memorial of seventy-six voters of Fair Hill district, Cecil county, praying the repeal of the tax law of March session 1841;

Read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

The House took up the bill entitled, an act regulating writs of error and granting appeals to the Court of Appeals;

Read the second time by special order, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication :

Senate of the United States,

January 25, 1842.

To the Honorable,

The Speaker of the House of Delegates

of Maryland :

Sir :—Prompted by a perfect respect for the honorable body over which you preside, and entertaining a sincere desire on all occasions to conform as far as possible to their just expectations and wishes, I most respectfully beg leave through you, to invite the attention of the honorable the House of Delegates, to the following copy of a communication made to me by the Hon. Thomas B. W. Randall, as chairman of one of its committees; and to a very brief statement of the considerations, which seem to prescribe to me, my duty in regard to that communication.

Copy of the communication directed to the Hon. John L. Kerr and William D. Merrick.

Annapolis, 14th January, 1842.

“*Gentlemen:*—As chairman of the committee, I am instructed to call your attention to the following order, adopted by the House of Delegates, on the 5th of January 1842. In the discharge of the duty devolving upon them by this order, the committee deem it proper to address themselves first to you, and to request you to inform the House of Delegates, through them, for what reasons and under what circumstances the claims of Gen’l Towson, your illustrious fellow citizen, were overlooked by the Senate, when they had under consideration the vacancy caused by the death of Macomb, and confirmed the nomination of Gen’l Wool of New York.

With great respect, yours, &c.

THOS. B. W. RANDALL,
Chairman.”

“Ordered, That the committee already raised upon the subject of presenting a sword to Capt. J. A. Webster, referred to by the Governor in his annual message; be instructed further to inquire