

Mr. Richardson of Baltimore, presented the memorial of Mary E. Sheffield, praying for relief in the case therein stated;

Read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Also, the memorial of sundry citizens of Baltimore, against the enactment of the law recommended by the Convention of Slaveholders;

Read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Gallagher presented the memorial of Mary Allen of the city of Baltimore, praying for a pension;

Read and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Also, the memorial of the Otterbein German Beneficial Society of Baltimore, praying an act of incorporation;

Read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

And the petition of Catharine Dyer, praying for a divorce;

Read and referred to the committee on Divorces.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk,

Ordered, That the report of the Topographical Engineer be printed for the use of this House.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

The House took up the bill entitled, an act concerning the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company.

Mr. Johnson then moved the following as a substitute for said bill:

An act for the relief of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company be and they are hereby authorized to issue their bonds or certificates of debt, bearing an interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable on the first days of January and July in each year, to an amount in the whole not exceeding the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, and in denominations not less than one hundred dollars, in the names of the creditors of the company as payees, for their respective claims against the company, to be ascertained by the president and directors thereof, with the exception of the claims hereinafter referred to, and irredeemable, except at the pleasure of the company or of the State, until after the expiration of thirty years from their date, and the faith of the State is hereby pledged for the ultimate payment of the principal of said bonds or certificates of debt, after the said term of thirty years, the said bonds or certificates of debt to be received by said creditors at their par value, in full satisfaction of their claims against said company.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the interest on the said bonds or certificates of debt, to be issued as aforesaid, shall be payable exclusively out of the nett profits of the said company, and the