

Mr. Staley presented the petition of twenty-five citizens of Frederick county, praying for a law to incorporate the German Reformed and Lutheran Church, called St. Paul's church in said county ;

Read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Dennis presented the petition of Charles Parker and others, securities of John C. Handy, late of Worcester county deceased, praying for relief therein mentioned ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Dennis, Powell and Cathell.

On motion of Mr. Dennis,

Ordered, That the committee on Engrossed Bills have leave to set during this day's session of the House.

Mr. Buskirk presented the petition of sundry citizens of Alleghany county, praying the passage of a law allowing the people to express at the ballot box, at October election 1842, their approval or disapproval, of an amendment of the constitution so as to enable the Legislature in future to levy a poll tax on all white male citizens of the age of twenty-one years and over ;

Read and referred to the committee on the Constitution.

Mr. Owens of Cecil, presented the petition of sixty-three citizens, praying for protection against the staking of nets in the head waters of the Chesapenke Bay, and for other purposes ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Owens of Cecil, Sutton of Harford, Forwood, Knight, Bouldin, Hope and Johns.

Mr. Dennis presented the petition of sundry citizens of Worcester county, praying for the passage of an act, for purposes therein mentioned ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Dennis, Powell, Forman and Cathell.

On motion of Mr. Walker,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Walker, Poultney, Risteau, Randall and Hook, to bring in a bill for the better regulation and enforcement of the collection of taxes in Baltimore county.

Mr. Dennis submitted the following resolutions :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in the opinion of this General Assembly, the Navy of the United States is the right arm of our national defence; and that the utmost vigilance of the National Government ought to be exercised to give to it the most vigorous efficiency.

2. Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Assembly, that Congress should at its present session, make adequate provision for a more rapid increase of our naval force.

3. Resolved, That the exposed condition of the Chesapeake Bay, ought to invite the earnest and immediate attention of Congress to an energetic system of measures for its complete defence; as imperiously required for the protection of the interests, not only of Maryland, but of the whole Union, particularly as involving the safety of the National Capitol, with its costly public buildings, its invaluable archives, and more than all, the honor and dignity of the nation.