

Mr. Hammond presented the memorial of the assessors of Howard District in relation to the manner in which their duties have been discharged;

Read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Cathell presented the petition of sundry citizens of Worcester and Somerset counties, praying for an act to straighten a road therein mentioned;

Read and referred to Messrs. Cathell, Forman, Boggs, Handy, Powell, Dennis, Dashiell and Stone.

Mr. Downs presented the petition of Giles Hicks, praying for an act to be passed to authorize him to pay over a certain sum of money in his hands belonging to the heirs of Philemon Plummer, late of Caroline county;

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

Mr. Owens of Cecil presented two petitions of sundry citizens of Cecil county, for protection against the staking of nets in the head waters of the Chesapeake Bay, and for other purposes;

And the petition of sundry citizens of the same county, against the passage of any law for the protection of float fisheries in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay above Spesutia Island;

Severally read and referred to the select committee already raised on the same subject.

Mr. Bayne presented the petition of Josiah Serat of Prince George's county, praying to be placed on the pension list;

Read and referred to the committee on Pensions to Indigent Persons by County Assessment.

Mr. Newnam presented the petition of one hundred and thirty-nine citizens of Queen Anne's county, upon the subject of the colored population;

Read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Gallagher, chairman of the committee on Corporations, reported a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Otterbein German Beneficial Society of Baltimore;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Geyer, chairman of the committee on the Constitution, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany 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, reported that the said committee had had the same under consideration, and had instructed him to ask to be discharged therefrom;

Which was read and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to a select committee composed of one member from each county and city,

Whereupon, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Buskirk, Causin, R. M. Gale, Owens of Anne Arundel, Morsell, Crain, Walker,