

In Kent, to three. In Prince George's, to two. In Worcester, to four. In Montgomery, to two. In point of white population, Allegany is surpassed by but four counties in the State, and this population is spread over a more extensive territory than that of any other county.

The act of 1823, chapter 141, expressly provides, that each school, academy or college, that receives a donation in money from this State, shall afford tuition in all the branches of learning that are taught in such school, academy or college, and shall furnish the necessary school books, free of any charge, to at least one poor child for every hundred dollars that each school, academy or college, receives from the State.

The same act further provides, that it shall be the duty of the trustees of the several schools, academies or colleges, that receive donations in money from this State, to make an annual return to the Legislature of the number of poor children educated at their respective schools, academies or colleges.

If either of the provisions of this law have been complied with by the academy in Cumberland, we are not aware of it.

In many parts of the county, so sparse is her population, that it is impossible to support a school without proving very oppressive to a few individuals. If the amount now given by the State to the academy in the town of Cumberland, was transferred to the common school fund of the county, it would enable the commissioners (it is confidentially believed) to establish a school in every neighborhood, and thus enable every child in the county to obtain at least a common school education; when an object so desirable is to be attained by the passage of the bill under consideration, we know your honorable body will not hesitate to reconsider and pass it.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Nicols of Caroline, from the committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to abolish the office of Judge of the Land Office for the Eastern Shore, and for other purposes, reported favorably thereon;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Hope presented the petition of John Donohoe and others, praying for the passage of a law to improve Hiram's Lot for the purpose of a fishery.

Read and referred to Messrs. Hope, Johns, Sutton of Harford and Bouldin.

Mr. Bouldin presented the petition of a number of citizens of Harford county, praying that the banks may be compelled to resume specie payments;

Read and referred to the committee on the Currency.

Mr. Grove presented the petition of sixty-four citizens of Sharpsburg, Washington county, praying the repeal of the corporation of said town;

Read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Downs reported a bill entitled, an act to make valid the