

Mr. Biser presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying the passage of an act to allow a per diem to the justices of the several district courts in said county, instead of the compensation they now receive;

Read and referred to Messrs. Biser, Schley, Geyer, Simmons, and Staley.

Mr. Buskirk presented the memorial of the contractors on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, praying relief;

Read and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sellman,

Ordered, That a select committee, to consist of five members, to be appointed by the chair, whose duty it shall be to enquire and report to this house whether the valuation of slaves under the late assessment law, is equal and uniform throughout the State;

Whereupon the Speaker appointed Messrs. Sellman, Tuck, Biser, Forman and Sherwood.

Mr. Presstman submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of directing the Attorney General to foreclose the mortgages from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to this State, and report by bill or otherwise.

Which was read.

Mr. Buskirk moved to amend said order by striking out the words "Grievances and Courts of Justice," and inserting "Internal Improvement."

On the question being put,

On motion of Mr. Presstman,

The yeas and nays were required and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Hopewell	Tuck	Culbreth
Sutton of St. M.	Maccubbin	Downs
R. M. Gale	Hamilton	Lyday
J. H. Gale	Dennis	Spencer
Owens of A. A.	Cathell	Hollman
Sellman	Forman	Darby
Matthews	Simmons	Braddock
Brent	Staley	Gott
Walker	Geyer	Buskirk
Risteau	Biser	Buchanan
Poultney	Schley	Shaw—35
Hook	Nicols of Car.	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Dorsey	Nicols of Dor.	Bouldin
Hammond	Traverse	Presstman
Crain	Richardson	Gittings
Willis	Knight	Powder