

Mr. Hopkins presented the petition of Samuel Davis, praying for the passage of a law, to correct certain grievances therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Lackland presented the petition of Henry Richardson, William Pennills and others, praying the passage of a law, prohibiting the planting of stakes in the Chesapeake bay, thereby endangering vessels navigating said bay;

Which was read and referred to the delegations from Cecil and Harford counties.

Mr. Lackland presented the petition of John Yeamans, Henry Richardson, and forty-five other citizens of Cecil county, praying the passage of a law, protecting the fisheries in the Chesapeake bay, and its tributary streams;

Which was read and referred to the delegations of Cecil and Harford counties.

Mr. Ligon presented the petition of eighty-six citizens of Howard District, of Anne Arundel county, praying that said district may be erected into a separate and independent county;

Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Naill presented the memorial of A. B. Hanson, David Boyd, Gideon Bantz, Albert Ritchie and John Bruner of J., commissioners of the Frederick Female Seminary, and sundry citizens of Frederick county, in relation to a lottery grant therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Lotteries.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Leave was granted the committee on Ways and Means, to report a bill authorising the Commissioner of Loans, to issue certificates of currency stock, in lieu of the sterling bonds of this State, already issued.

On motion of Mr. Welsh,

Ordered, That the committee on the Militia, be requested to inquire the number of arms, and kind, received by this State from the General Government, and where they are at this time, and whether any legislation is necessary to collect the same, or for their future security.

Mr. Powder submitted the following order:

Which was twice read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Treasurer report to this House, at as early a day as may be practicable, the amount of direct taxes due from each county, Baltimore city and Howard district, for the years 1841, 1842 and 1843, and also, the amounts paid into the treasury by each county, Baltimore city and Howard District, in each of said years.

Mr. Potter submitted the following order: