

Mr. Warfield presented the petition of ninety citizens of Carroll county and Howard District, praying a law may be passed, authorising the opening of public road therein mentioned ;

Which was read and referred to the joint delegations from Anne Arundel and Carroll counties.

Mr. McKaig presented the petition of sundry citizens of the 6th election district in Allegany county, praying the passage of a law regulating fences, and declaring what shall be trespasses on real estate in certain cases.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. McKaig, Fitzpatrick, Hammill and Smith.

Mr. Hopewell, submitted the following message,

*By the House of Delegates,*

16th February, 1844.

*Gentlemen of the Senate.*

We return you the bill 'entitled, an act in relation to pensions granted by the State of Maryland,' rejected by your honorable body and sent to the house. The object of this bill is merely to prevent the old soldier or his widow that may be upon the pension roll of Maryland, from having taken from them by unworthy or dishonest agents, the greater part of the small pittance allowed them by the State for their support. A proviso has been added to the bill which we think will obviate the objection made by your honorable body, and therefore respectfully ask, that you will reconsider and pass the same.

By order,

George G. Brewer, clerk.

Which was read,

On motion of Mr. Hopewell,

The house then took up for consideration the bill mentioned in said message.

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Said bill was amended by adding at the end thereof the following proviso.

"Provided, nevertheless, said Treasurer be satisfied from the standing and character of the agent, attorney or trustee, that he is not to receive any commission or any part of said pension for drawing the same, then and in that case the treasurer may pay over the said pension without requiring the affidavit aforesaid."

The said message was then read the second time and assented to

Mr. Stewart, submitted the following order,

Ordered, That the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, be and they are hereby instructed to report a bill, in relation to the safe keeping and preservation of the public funds, and providing that any officer charged with the receipt, safe keeping or transfer of the public monies belonging to this State, who shall convert to his own use, in any way whatever, or shall use by way of investment in any kind of property or merchandize, or shall loan