

sis, and that the entire public domain yet unsold, computed to be 1,042,731,765 acres ought to be pledged specifically for the payment of the same.

Resolved further, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, are hereby earnestly requested to advocate such a measure, and to do all in their power to secure its adoption at the earliest period practicable.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Frederick,

Made the order of the day for Tuesday next, 7th instant.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Anne Arundel,

Ordered, That all the resolutions and documents transmitted to this House yesterday by his Excellency the Governor, be referred to the committee on Foreign Relations, except those from the State of Georgia, relative to exchanging documents with other States—the report of the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary—the report of the superintendant of the National Road—and the report from the joint committee of the two Houses of the General Assembly, appointed under resolution No. 8, of December session 1840;—that the resolutions of the State of Georgia, relative to the exchange of documents be referred to the committee on the Library—that the report from the Directors of the Penitentiary, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means—and that the report from the joint committee under resolution No. 8, of December session 1840, be also referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Freeman presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Charles county, in relation to the district schools;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Freeman, Hughes and Ford, of St. Mary's.

Mr. Waters presented the petition of Lewis A. Graves, (a foreigner,) praying a special law to enable him to hold real estate;

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

The clerk of the senate returned the bill entitled, an act to allow Thomas Sutton, sheriff of Queen Anne's county, further time to execute his bond for the year eighteen hundred and forty-five.

Also, the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Charles Parks, adm'r. of Thomas H. Parks, late of Somerset county.

Also, the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Noah Rider, administrator of John B. Rider, late of Somerset county;

Severally endorsed, "will pass," and ordered to be engrossed. And, delivered the following message:

*By the Senate,*

*January 4th, 1845.*

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:*

We have received your message proposing an interchange of services between the Rev. Mr. Steele, and the gentleman ap-