

Mr. Thomson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Taneytown, in Carroll county, praying the passage of a law, authorising the burgess and commissioners of said town, to sell the engine and engine house belonging to said citizens;

Which was read and referred to the Carroll county delegation.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of A. A.,

Ordered, That all bills and resolutions of a public character, and affecting the general interest of the State be printed, the character of the bills and resolutions, to be determined by the Speaker, unless otherwise directed by the House in any particular case.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,

Ordered, That it be entered on the journal, that if Mr. Stansbury, of Baltimore city, had been present when the vote was taken on the resolutions offered by Mr. Johnson, of Frederick, providing for the issue of two hundred millions of federal stock, he would have voted in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Frazier,

Leave was granted the committee on Lotteries, to bring in a bill to extend the time of drawing a lottery to build a wharf in Dorchester county, passed December session 1839, chapter 246.

On motion of Mr. Worthington of Balt. county,

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means, inquire into the expediency of imposing a tax upon all free negroes between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five, for the support of government.

Mr. Gallagher reported a bill entitled, an act to change the names of Frederick Shaffer Littig, and others;

Mr. Randall reported a bill entitled, an act relating to roads in Baltimore county, and

Mr. Biser reported a bill entitled, an act to cure defective deeds from Thomas Bittle and Mary Bittle, and others, to Daniel Brown and John Summers, of Frederick county;

Which were severally read the first, and by a special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Johnson, of A. A. chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill entitled, an act imposing a tax on collateral inheritances, distributive shares and legacies, to aid in paying the debts of the State, and

Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city, from the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, reported a bill entitled, an act regulating the sessions of the Court of Appeals, of the Western Shore, and providing for the trial of causes therein;

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ghiselin, chairman of the committee on Colored Population, to which was referred the bill reported by Mr. Graves, entitled, an act to authorise W. H. Redwood, of Baltimore, to hold and retain in this State, negro girl Emily, reported the same without amendment;