

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

The Speaker laid before the House reports from the clerks of Somerset county and the Register of Wills for Washington county, in obedience to the order of the House of Delegates of the 8th instant ;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Yellott presented the petition of N. M. S. Hays and others, citizens of Harford county, praying the passage of a law, giving further powers to the collectors to enable them more effectually to enforce the collection of the State tax ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The clerk of the Senate returned the bill entitled, an act to repeal a part of the second section of an act passed at December session 1831, chapter 323.

Also, the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Baker Rigdon, Jr. of Harford county ;

Also, the bill entitled, an act supplementary to an act to allow Thomas H. Ford, former sheriff of Queen Anne's county, further time to complete his collections ;

Also, the bill entitled, an act to allow Normand Bruce, late collector of taxes in Allegany county, further time to complete his collections ;

Severally endorsed, "will pass," and the bills severally ordered to be engrossed.

And delivered the following bills originated in and passed by the Senate, viz :

A bill entitled, an act to repeal an act entitled, an act to encourage the destruction of crows in this State, passed at December session 1831, ch. 227, so far as relates to St. Mary's county ;

Which was read and referred to the St. Mary's county delegation.

A bill entitled, an act authorising James Howard and Charles Howard, trustees and guardians under the will of Wm. Howard, to lease certain property herein mentioned ;

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

Also, a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Samuel Lurman, of Allegany county ;

Which was read, and referred to the Allegany county delegation.

And the following message :

*By the Senate,  
January 17th, 1845.*

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :*

The Senate has received your message, proposing that a joint letter be addressed to the Hon. Reverdy Johnson, by the Presi-