

FRIDAY, January 3d, 1862.

The President laid before the Senate the petition of W. H. Conneil for payment of claim for printing ;

Which was read, and

Referred to the committee on Printing.

On motion of Mr. Eichelberger,

Ordered, That a committee of two be appointed to report a bill providing for the taking of the oath of allegiance by all persons holding any office or position of profit or trust under the Constitution or any public or private law of this State.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Eichelberger and Firey.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Ordered, That so much of the Governor's Message as refers to a new apportionment of members of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, be referred to a select committee ; that so much thereof as refers to the joint resolution of Congress to amend the Constitution of the United States, be referred to the committee on Federal Relations ; that so much thereof as refers to the resolution of the National Sanitary Commission, be referred to the committee on Militia ; that so much thereof as refers to the reports of the Commissioner on the part of Maryland to ascertain and define the southeastern and northwestern boundaries between Maryland and Virginia, and the report of the Commissioner appointed by the act of 1860, chapter 165, to define the boundary line between Dorchester and Somerset counties, be referred to the committee on Judicial Proceedings ; that so much thereof as refers to the petition of the inhabitants of Tangier Island, be referred to the committee on Federal Relations ; that so much thereof as refers to the Maryland Penitentiary, be referred to a select committee of three to act in conjunction with a similar committee on the part of the House ; that so much thereof as refers to the assembling of a Convention to reform the Constitution of our State, be referred to the committee on Federal Relations ; that so much thereof as refers to the Maryland and Delaware Railroad Company, be referred to the committee on Internal Improvements ; that so much thereof as refers to the preservation of the oyster beds in our waters, be referred to the committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries ; that so much thereof as refers to the report of the Rev. Ethan Allen and the letter of John H. Alexander, Esq., be referred to the committee on the Library ; that so much thereof as refers to the claims of the sheriffs of Washington, Frederick and Allegany counties, be