

election for officers of the Conowingo Bridge Company be changed from the 1st to the 2d Monday in January;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Duvall presented the petition of James French and Basil T. Talbot and other citizens of Montgomery and Prince George's counties in regard to the boundary line between said counties;

Which was read and referred to the Montgomery and Prince George's county delegations.

Mr. Kemp presented the petition of John H. Thompson, of Queen Anne's county, asking the payment of certain claims;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Mathews presented the petition of William A. Stewart, administrator of W. O. Eichelberger, to have refunded certain taxes erroneously paid by him;

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

Mr. Turner presented the petition of Hon. J. W. Crisfield and 97 other citizens of Somerset county, praying the passage of a law to allow the citizens of Maryland to dredge oysters in the open waters of the Chesapeake Bay;

Which was read and referred to a select committee before appointed on the subject.

On motion of Mr. Ensor,

Leave was granted the committee on Corporations to report a bill to incorporate the Union Gas Light Company of Baltimore city.

On motion of Mr. Ensor,

Leave was granted the same committee to report a bill to incorporate the North Branch Rail Road Company.

On motion of Mr. Magruder,

Leave was granted a special committee, composed of Messrs. Magruder, Coale and Davis, of Montgomery, to introduce a bill to amend section 37, of article 66, of the Code of Public General Laws entitled, negroes, relating to the escape of slaves by being transported on rail roads, steamboats and other vessels.

Mr. Donaldson, from the committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following joint resolution directing the Comptroller of the Treasury to institute suits for all claims due the State: