General Laws, referring to the office of State Agricultural Chemist;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

An act to repeal section 89 of article 11 of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to elections in Frederick city, and to substitute the following in lieu thereof;

Which was read and referred to the Federick county delegation.

Mr. Harrison presented the petition of George W. Summers and seventy-three other citizens of Talbot county, praying for the passage of a law for the protection of the oyster beds in the waters of this State;

Which was read and referred to the select committee on Oysters, before appointed. (See page 124.)

Mr. Dunbar presented the petition of John H. Brice and others, (colored), praying the passage of an act of incorporation;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Also,

The petition of Henry Price, (colored,) praying the passage of a law allowing his sons to return to Maryland;

Which was read and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Hardcastle presented the petition of Gabriel Bulah and James Friend, (colored,) praying the passage of a law authorising them to hold and enjoy certain real estate, and have the same rights thereto, as are enjoyed by citizens of this State;

Which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Westcott,

Leave was granted the Kent county delegation to report a bill to authorise St. Paul's Church in Kent county, to purchase and hold one hundred and twenty acres of land for a Parsonage, &c., &c.

On motion of Mr. Dunlop,

Leave was granted the Montgomery county delegation to report a bill to repeal the 2d and 3d sections of article 15 of the Code of Public Laws of Montgomery county, title Almshouse.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Charles,

Leave was granted the committee on the Judiciary to re-