

ment of the legislature, and have nominated on the part of this house, Messrs. ———, to meet such gentlemen as may be appointed by your honourable body.

Mr. Farquhar moved that the original and substitute be indefinitely postponed? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from John Hanna, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be refunded money expended by him in endeavouring to apprehend the murderer of Evelina Cunningham; referred to Messrs. Thomas, Harlan and Howard.

Mr. Sewell presents a petition from James Pannell, and Abraham J. Thomas, on behalf of the stockholders of the Havre De Grace Bank; referred to Messrs. Sewell, Hall and Williams.

Mr. Farquhar obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and for other purposes. Ordered; That Messrs. Farquhar, Cockey and Sappington, report the same.

Mr. Teackle delivers the following report:

The committee on so much of the executive communication as relates to the evils arising from numerous tippling shops, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—that they are aware of the prevalence of this evil, to an extent to be deplored by every wise and virtuous statesman; that it is a crying sin, and a fruitful source of idleness, profanation, crime and degradation; and calls aloud on the public authorities to apply the force of existing laws, and on every patriotic and philanthropic citizen to extend his aid towards repressing, by every legal and proper means, this most monstrous and increasing evil.

The committee conceive, that the chief cause of this evil may be ascribed to the reduced price of spirituous liquors, and they fain would witness an augmentation of the present duty on imported rum, and gin, and brandys, and an excise on the distillation of domestic spirits, and therefore submit the following resolutions:

1. Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the senators of this state in the congress of the United States be, and they hereby are, instructed to use their influence in procuring an augmentation of the duties imposed upon the importation of spirituous liquors, and the imposition of an excise upon the distillation of domestic spirits; and that the avails of the said excise, shall be appropriated amongst the states, according to the ratio of direct taxation, for internal improvement in roads and canals, and towards the promotion of literature, in primary schools, one moiety to each of those important interests.

2. Resolved, That the representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, be requested to use their influence in procuring the enactment of the proper laws for effectuating the great objects of the foregoing resolution.

3. Resolved, That the governor and council be requested to transmit copies of the report, and of the foregoing resolutions, to the senators and representatives of this state in the congress of the United States.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Littleton Dennis Teackle, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Howard delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Christian Mayer and Charles F. Mayer, beg leave to report:

That the petitioners are defending the title to lands in Tennessee, under the will of a certain Solomon Kitts, which is recorded in the or-