

A bill entitled, An act concerning the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company,

Was taken up, and re-considered.

On motion of Mr. Yellott,

Said bill was referred to Messrs. Yellott, Goldsborough, of Talbot, McKaig, Goldsborough, of Dorchester, and Stone.

On motion of Mr. Stone,

Ordered, That the Committee be authorized to have such amendments printed as they may think proper.

On motion of Mr. Franklin,

Leave was granted the Committee on Finance to report a bill to amend the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th sections of the 54th Article of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the State Librarian, by repealing the same, and enacting in lieu thereof the following sections.

On motion of Mr. Franklin,

Ordered, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be and he is hereby requested to inform this Body, immediately, whether the money appropriated by law for the payment of the salary of the State Librarian, for the period between February, 1856, and June 1857, has been paid to that officer; and if paid, to what person as State Librarian, said money was paid; and also, whether, within the knowledge of the Comptroller, the person to whom said money was paid, was at any time, within said period, actually in the office of State Librarian, or discharged any of the duties of that office.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived,

On motion of Mr. Kimmel,

Was postponed for a half an hour.

Mr. Yellott presented the following petitions:

Of Bigham & Blackburn, John F. Pickrell & Co., Daniel H. Swope & Co., Fink & Bro., and thirty-nine other firms in Baltimore, in favor of the bill now before the Senate to increase the number of stockholder directors in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company;

Of James J. Fisher & Sons, Jacob Heald & Co., William Wilson & Sons, William McKim, William E. Mayhew, John B. Seidenstricker, William Graham, Hyatt & Stump, and fifty-two other merchants of Baltimore, in favor of the bill before the Senate to increase the stockholder directorship in the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company;

Of Reynolds, Smith & Co., John King & Son, Hugh Bol-