

Mr. Parker presented a petition of Francis McNamara, of Cecil county, praying to be placed on the pension roll of said county,

Which was read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

Mr. Witmer presented a petition of Hatch D. Dyson, of Washington county, praying for an act to authorise him to practice law in the courts of justice in this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned,

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Blocher presented a petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying the passage of an act authorising the citizens of said county, or of the State, to hire slaves from the state of Virginia as often as their convenience requires, without requiring any record of the same or other formality to be made or done except in cases where the hiring shall be for more than twelve months,

Which was read and referred to the committee on the coloured population.

Mr. Sprigg presented a memorial of John Christy, of Allegany county, praying the passage of an act to make valid a deed therein mentioned,

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Sprigg, Blocher and Huddleson.

Mr. Sprigg also presented a memorial of the president, directors and company of the Mineral Bank of Maryland, praying a diminution of their capital,

Which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

And Mr. Mann presented a petition of Mary Manning, of Washington county, praying the passage of an act authorising her to receive a distributive proportion of her fathers estate, and for other relief therein mentioned,

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Huddleson obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled a supplement to an act, passed at December session, 1827, ch. 117;

Ordered, that Messrs. Huddleson, Neff and Blocher report the same.

On motion of Mr. Adams,

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice be instructed to inquire into the expediency of limiting by law, the number of justices of the peace in the several counties of this State.

Mr. Beam submitted the following order:

Ordered, that a committee of five be appointed by the chair, whose duty it shall be to visit the Maryland Hospital, to examine its condition and wants, and report to this house by bill or otherwise,

Which was twice read and adopted,

In pursuance whereof, the speaker appointed Messrs. Beam, Risteau, Goldsborough, Selby and Hillen, to compose the committee.

On motion of Mr. Huddleson;