

the several acts and resolutions regulating schools and academies receiving donations from the State.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JACOB SHOWER, from the
committee on education.

By order,

Joseph C. Talbott, clerk.

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time, and rejected.

Mr. Bowie, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Charles Hodges and wife, and the counter petition of Philip Pindell and wife, in relation to carrying into effect certain deeds therein mentioned;

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Carpenter, chairman of the committee on corporations, made a favorable report upon the bill reported by Mr. White, entitled, an act to incorporate the Carrollton Exploring and Mining Company;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Higgins, chairman of the select committee, delivered the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of Anne Arundel county, praying that the district system of taxation, for the support of primary schools, may be abolished, and that a sum sufficient for their support, may be levied by county assessment, so far as the same relates to Anne Arundel county, beg leave to make the following

REPORT:

That taking into consideration the large number, and the high respectability of the petitioners, as also the importance of education, viewed either in a moral or political point—and that upon the general diffusion of education, must depend, in a great measure, the stability and vitality of our republican institutions. That point, once conceded, which few or none will deny, it then follows as a matter of course, that it is an object of more importance than any other subject which can occupy the attention of legislators—and believing that the primary school system, with such amendments as experience will from time to time direct, to be one of the cheapest and best modes of carrying out the above views, beg leave to report the following bill, and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. W. HIGGINS, Chairman.

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Geyer, from the select committee, made a favorable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, an act for the relief of Mount Saint Mary's College;