

Allegany county; referred to Messrs. Armstrong, Millard and Sappington.

Mr. Brooke presented a petition from John Cullembers, praying that his name may be changed to Williams; referred to Messrs. Brooke, Somerville and Mordecai Smith.

Mr. Hope presented a petition from Thomas St. Clair and others, of Harford county, praying the appointment of commissioners on a road in said county; referred to Messrs. Hope, Norris and Montgomery.

Mr. Tidball presented a petition for a new assessment in Washington county; referred to Messrs Tidball, Hall and Fitzhugh.

Mr. Ridgely presented a petition from Thomas Stallings, security of Thomas Pollard, former sheriff of Allegany county, praying relief; referred to Messrs. Ridgely, Armstrong and Hoblitzell.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from Carey and Lea, with proposals, relative to Strickland's Reports; referred to the standing committee on the subject of internal improvement.

Mr. Slemaker presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying to be admitted to an equal participation of the benefits of the law of public instruction; referred to the standing committee on that subject.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan, Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of allowing to witnesses summoned on the part of the state, in all cases not hitherto provided for, the same compensation as is allowed them in civil cases, and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following order was read and dissented from:

Ordered, That the committee on claims be instructed to allow the payment of charges of postage incurred by members of both houses during the present session of the general assembly.

Mr. Wright obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of James Mills, a minor, of Dorchester county, to that of James Applegarth. Ordered, That Messrs. Wright, Goldsborough and Rauleigh, report the same.

Mr. Bennett obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the swearing of petit jurors. Ordered, That Messrs. Bennett, Denny, Turner, Brown and Chapman, report the same.

Mr. Denny obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the several counties of this state. Ordered,