

Mr. Wallis presented the petition of James Alfred Pearce, of Kent county, to remove certain negroes therein mentioned, from the state of Louisiana to this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Wallis, Brown of Kent, and Piner.

Mr. Hunt presented the memorial of a number of stock-owners of the Phoenix Shot Tower Company of Baltimore, praying an additional amendment to the original charter, so that none other than real and bona fide stock owners shall be admitted to vote for directors of said company; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Nicholas and Turner.

Also, the petition of Standish Barry, late sheriff of Baltimore county, praying the passage of an act authorising the treasurer of the western shore to pass to his credit a certain sum of money therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Ely and Holmes.

Mr. Wootton presented the petition of Nicholas Snowden, of Prince-George's county, praying that authority may be given to the court of appeals to review the decision therein mentioned; which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Holmes presented the petition of Mark Millar, a foreigner, praying that he may be naturalized, or be enabled to hold real estate; which was read and referred to Messrs. Holmes, Chapman and Nicholas.

And Mr. Hunt presented the petition of the Franklin Turnpike Road Company, praying for a supplement to their act of incorporation; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Holmes and Worthington,

Mr. Kent presented a report of the commissioners of primary schools for Anne-Arundel county.

The speaker also laid before the house a report of the trustees of Washington Academy in Somerset county; which were severally read and referred to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the speedy decision of the controversies existing between the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, and the Baltimore and Ohio rail road company. Ordered, That Messrs. Merrick, Brawner, Nicholas, Wilson, M'Elfresh, Blakistone and Mackall, prepare and report the same.

Mr. Teackle submitted the following message:

By the House of Delegates,

February 8. 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Upon a reconsideration of the matter, this house concurs with the views of your honourable body in reference to the