

a bridge over Conowingo Creek; which was read, and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject;

And, Mr. Lantz presented the petition of Margaret Saylor, of Allegany county, praying for an act authorising the sale of a part of the real estate of Jacob Saylor, deceased, in said county; which was read, and referred to Messrs. Lantz, Blair, and Armstrong.

The Speaker laid before the house a report from the Register in Chancery, containing lists of the taxes on proceedings in chancery for the year 1831; which was read, and referred to the committee on ways and means;

Also, a report of the commissioners of the school fund for Calvert county; which was read, and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Stockett obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, A further supplement to the act, to incorporate a company to make a Turnpike road from near Ellicott's lower Mills, towards Georgetown, in the District of Columbia; ordered, that Messrs. Stockett, Hood, and Lyles, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, of Montgomery,

Ordered, That the committee on the militia, be, and they are hereby required to inquire into the expediency of revoking or annulling the entire militia system of this state, and at the same time inquire into the propriety of substituting in lieu thereof, a well organised system of military tactics as required by the exigencies of the times, and report to this House by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Johnson submitted the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas, under a government essentially based on, and regulated by public opinion, and where the will of the people is the only sovereign authority, it becomes a primary obligation to diffuse intelligence, and give every facility to a clear developement of knowledge, as the only secure guardian of political rights, and the only permanent foundation for liberty and virtue—viewing it as incompatible with the spirit of the age, and at war with the true policy and permanent interest of this republican government that any obstruction should be left in those channels for communication which it is the interest of all to keep open between brethren of the same political family, however widely dispersed they may be, over this great national domain,—hailing with especial delight the rapid melting away, and anticipating the speedy and total extinguishment of the national debt, the payment of which has heretofore required exactions from the people, that hereafter need no longer be de-