

Also, presented several petitions of sundry citizens of Kent county, praying the passage of an act for the more effectual protection of the beds of oysters in this state; which were severally read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

The speaker laid before the house reports of the trustees of the Hagerstown Academy, the Frederick Academy, the Franklin Academy, the Garrison Forrest Academy, the Rockville Academy, the West Nottingham Academy, the Salisbury Academy, the Buckingham Academy, and the Commissioners of the School fund for Dorchester county; which were severally read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Kent obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, An act to alter and change the place of holding the election in the second election district of Anne Arundel county; ordered, that Messrs. Kent, Hood and Stockett report the same.

Mr. Turner, of Baltimore, obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend the constitution of this state, so as to dispense with the election of the council to the governor; ordered, that Messrs. Turner, of Baltimore, Willson, of Montgomery, Sothoron, Orrell and Powell, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Hunt,

Ordered, That the petition of Luther J. Cox, and Maria his wife, of the city of Baltimore, praying the passage of an act authorising them to lease certain property therein mentioned, be withdrawn from the files of the house.

On motion by Mr. Moores,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed, with instructions to inquire into the State's claim, to certain land in Harford county, called "Common Garden Corrected; and whether further measures ought to be taken to obtain possession of said land; and also into the propriety of passing an act to quiet the possession of the present occupants of said land.

In pursuance whereof, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Moores, Pearce, Carmichael, Fitzhugh, and Orrell, the committee.

Mr. Teackle, chairman of the committee on ways and means, delivered the following report, accompanied with the following resolution.

The committee on ways and means to which was referred the report of the treasurer of the Western Shore rela-