

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Roberts of Frederick, Annan, and Duvall.

Also, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying the passage of an act authorising the sale of a certain parcel or piece of land therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

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Mr. Cottman presented a petition of Arnold E. Jones, John P. Gale, Jesse Hughes, and others, citizens of Somerset county, praying the passage of an act to authorise the building of a bridge across Law's Thoroughfare, between the main land and Deal's Island, in Somerset county.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Cottman Dashiell, and Teackle.

Mr. Annan presented a petition of John Shorb, and others, of Frederick county, praying for the passage of an act to authorise the manumission of James Ross, a slave.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Annan, Brengle, and Duvall.

Mr. Pratt presented a petition of John H. Bayne, of Prince Georges county, praying that he may be permitted to sell a negro woman therein named, for the period of her unexpired term, to any resident of any other state of the Union.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Pratt, Worthington, and Key.

Mr. Pratt also presented a memorial of sundry citizens, relative to the Shad and Herring fisheries on the Potomac river, and praying that a law pass reducing the seines to an ordinary size, about four hundred fathoms in length.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Pratt, Moores, Turner of Calvert, Carpenter, and Duvall of Frederick.

Mr. Nicols presented a petition of sundry citizens of Vienna, in Dorches'er county, praying the passage of an act, condemning a lot of ground in the vicinity of said town, for the repairs of its streets, &c.

Also, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Dorchester county, praying the passage of an act, authorising the Levy Court of said county, to levy upon the assessable property of said county, a sum of money, for the use of the President and Directors of the Nanticoke Bridge Company, for the free passage of its citizens over said bridge.

Which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Nicols, Creighton and Richardson.

The Speaker laid before the house a report from the