

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

The Speaker laid before the House, reports from James F. Brown, late sheriff and collector of Kent county, and Philip B. Travilla, present sheriff and collector of said county, relative to the several sums of money paid by them into the Eastern Shore Treasury, within the year ending on the 30th Nov.

Which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. McMahan submitted the following preamble and order;

Whereas, it appears that there is a record book, liber No. 15, belonging to the Western Shore Land office, of this State, which from time and use has become much worn and defaced; and, whereas, said book contains grants of lands for most of the counties of this State; therefore, ordered, that a select committee of seven be appointed by the chair, to examine said record, and enquire into the propriety of having the same transcribed, or such part thereof, as in the judgment of said committee, may be necessary for the preservation of the same.

Which was twice read and adopted;

In pursuance whereof, the Speaker appointed Messrs. McMahan, Brookhart, Merrick, McCullough, Burchenal, Pratt and McLean, to compose the committee.

On motion of Mr. Teackle,

Ordered, that the committee on sundry memorials and petitions, praying the establishment of a Real Estate Bank, be enlarged by the addition of two members;

The Speaker then appointed Messrs. Hood and Spence, on said committee.

On motion of Mr. Sutton,

Ordered, that the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment, enquire into the propriety of placing Noble Rider, of Harford county, on the pension roll of said county.

On motion of Mr. Ely;

Ordered, that the committee on corporations be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of sundry citizens of Harford county relating to the Port Deposit Rail Road, and that said petitions be referred to the consideration of the select committee appointed on that subject.