

Mr. Purnell presented the petition of James Ayers, and others, asking for a passage of a law authorizing the County Commissioners of Worcester county, to erect a bridge over Ayers' creek, in said county.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of Joshua Beasman and others, asking for the better protection of birds in Carroll county.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Hinks presented the petition of Geo. W. Copeland, Wellington Hammond, B. J. Snouffer, and 52 other citizens of Maryland, and land owners therein, praying that Section 67, of Article 30, of the Code of Public General Laws, be amended so as to punish hunting with dog and gun upon the lands of others, with fine, and in case of failure to pay fine and cost, with imprisonment in county jails.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker announced the following Select Committee on the investigation of Gas Companies in Baltimore city, appointed under the order of the House, adopted on yesterday, Messrs. Hoblitzell, Donaldson and Berkemeier.

Mr. McAleese submitted the following order:

Ordered, Whereas, The number of pages employed to do the work of this House being insufficient; therefore be it ordered, that James Dorsey, of Baltimore city, page of the last House, be appointed assistant page.

Which was read.

Mr. Rinehart submitted the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the name of James Dorsey, of Baltimore city, and insert that John A. Brown, the former page, be elected one of the assistant pages, as he has this Session already received ten days per diem and his mileage.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment,

Mr. Hodges moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed, and the whole subject referred to the Committee on Organization.

Pending which,

Mr. McAleese demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand being sustained,

The yeas and nays were called and appeared, as follows: