

Which was ordered to lie on the table ;

Mr. Kilbourn presented a petition from members of the bar and others, praying for the passage of a law confirming the official acts of the justice of the peace of Baltimore county, transacting business in the city of Baltimore and authorising such justice of the peace to continue to exercise the duties of his office in said city ;

Which was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Lynch, of Baltimore city, presented a petition from John McAllister and ten other justices of the peace of Baltimore city, and of James Everett and thirteen other constables of said city, praying to have the justices of said city to hold their officers for the transaction of business within the ward for which they were elected ;

Which was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Kilbourn presented a petition from citizens of Anne Arundel county, against any alteration of the law now disposing of the Academy fund of said county ;

Which was referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Forrest presented a memorial of sundry citizens asking to have the license system in relation to the inspection laws so changed as to have the appointing power given to the Governor.

Which was referred to the committee on Inspections.

Mr. McGonigal offered the following order :

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that Mr. Todd's absence is caused by the illness of a member of his family ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers proposed the following message :

*By the House of Delegates,*

February 13th, 1858.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We propose with your concurrence to appoint a joint committee of three members from the Senate and three from the House of Delegates, to examine into the condition of the original papers and records of the late High Court of Chancery with a view to ascertain whether said records should be completed, and with power to report by bill or otherwise, we have appointed on the part of this House Messrs. Rogers, Kilbourn and Hobbs ;

Which was read assented to, and sent to the Senate ;

Mr. Burgess offered the following order :

Ordered, That the bill entitled, an act to define and enlarge the jurisdiction of the Orphans' Courts of this State, placed by Mr. Burgess in the hands of the Chairman of the Commit-