

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Hooper, Cathell and Hearn.

Mr. Ford presented the petition of Samuel B. Meredith, and 31 other citizens of Queen Anne's county, praying the establishment of a new primary school district in said county;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Ford, George and Paca;

Mr. George presented the memorial of M. D. Kurtz and 21 other citizens of Queen Anne's county, praying the passage of a law prohibiting the issuing of any license for retailing intoxicating drinks in any election district of any county, or any ward of any city of this State, wherein a majority of the voters thereof, at the polls, on their ballots, express their opinions that no such license should be therein granted, and further prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors of any kind on the sabbath;

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

Mr. Tall presented the petition of 119 citizens of Dorchester county, praying the passage of a law to submit to the voters of said county, at their next election for delegates to the General Assembly, whether any spirituous liquors shall be sold within said county;

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

On motion of Mr. Presstman,

Leave was granted the committee on grievances and courts of justice, to bring in a bill to lessen the expense and delay of obtaining certain testimony in trials at law;

Mr. Whiteford obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorise James Whiteford, collector of the 5th collection district in Harford county, further time to complete his collections;

Ordered, That Messrs. Whiteford, Billingslea and Hope report the same.

On motion of Mr. Le Grand,

Ordered, That the committee on claims be directed, in closing the journal of accounts, to allow each member of this house their per diem from the commencement of the session.

Mr. Nail, from the committee on agriculture, delivered the following report:

The committee on agriculture, taking into consideration the deranged condition of the finances of the state, and the difficulties into which she has been thrown by her system of internal improvements, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee, regarding the agricultural product of the state as the great basis upon which all her various interests mainly depend, and as almost the only source from which returning prosperity may be expected to flow, have been deeply impressed with the importance of the subject, and induced to enquire whether any thing could be done to augment the agricultural product of the state. It is admitted, on all hands, they believe, that knowledge is power, conse-