

Mr. Stewart presented a petition from sundry citizens of Howard county, praying the passage of a law taxing dogs ;

Which was read, and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Fawcett presented a petition from citizens of Montgomery county, for a tax on dogs and for the protection of sheep ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Lee, of Baltimore city, presented a petition from William H. Michael and twenty-three other dealers in wood, praying for an increase in the price of cording and measuring wood in Baltimore city ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Inspections.

Mr. Calvert presented a petition from citizens of Prince George's county, for authority to return a free school to the village of Nottingham;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Hamilton presented a protest from citizens of the State of Maryland against the passage of any Act repealing the present laws for the inspection of salted fish in Baltimore city;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Inspections.

Mr. Comegys presented a petition from John R. Gray, R. L. Nichols and others, citizens of Kent county, praying the General Assembly to provide for the binding out of negro children as apprentices;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Slothower presented a petition from persons living on the line of the Catonsville rail road for an increase of fare on said road;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

The following message was received from the Executive, by John M. Carter, Private Secretary :