

Mr. Hoffman presented a petition from W. J. Hooper and others, of Baltimore county, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Hoffman, Everhart, Comegys, Buhrman and Silver.

Mr. Comegys presented a petition from William T. Spry, Edward Pennington and others, citizens of Kent county, praying the passage of a law authorizing the apprenticing of negro children ;

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

Mr. Usilton presented a petition from John G. Miers and Wm. V. Miers, citizens of Kent county, praying that the existing laws respecting free negroes be not repealed ;

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

On motion of Mr. Hambleton,

Ordered, That the committee on Oysters be increased one member, making it thirteen instead of twelve.

Mr. Buhrman submitted the following :

Ordered, That the Special committee appointed by this House, by an order passed January 13th, 1865, to investigate certain charges of fraud and corruption said to have been committed by certain parties upon the agents of certain counties or election districts of this State, be requested to report forthwith to this House ;

Mr. Miller, of Anne Arundel, moved that it be laid upon the table ;

Decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Cronise,

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal, that Henry S. Miller, was absent from this House on Monday and Tuesday on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Buhrman submitted the following :

Ordered, That the Special committee appointed by this House under an order passed January 13th, 1865, page 33 of the Journal, for the purpose of investigating the supposed frauds said to have been perpetrated by certain Substitute Brokers upon the agents of certain counties and election districts in this State, be relieved from the further consideration of said subject ;

Which was rejected.