

MONDAY, January 20th, 1840.

The house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Trustees of Deer Park Academy, in Carroll county;

Read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Mason presented the memorial of a large number of citizens of Washington county, praying for a modification in the militia laws of this state;

Read and referred to the committee on the militia.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice, inquire into the expediency of repealing the 5th section of the act of 1832, ch. 302, entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to define and enlarge the powers of courts of Equity.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

Ordered, That the clerk of this House procure from Wm. McNeir, 111 copies of the testimony taken before the select committee, appointed last session to examine into the affairs of the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company; provided said pamphlets shall cost less than they can be obtained from the regular printer to this House.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

The House took up for consideration the bill, referred from the last to the present session, entitled, a further supplement to an act entitled, an act to incorporate the stockholders of the Hagerstown Bank, passed January 15th, 1808.

Read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Also, the bill entitled, an act to alter the time of the meeting of the General Assembly, and for other purposes;

Read and referred to the committee on the constitution.

Mr. Dalrymple asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to allow Francis Stevens, former sheriff of Calvert county, further time to complete his collections;

Referred to Messrs. Dalrymple, Hellen and Blakistone.

On motion of Mr. Owens,

The House took up for consideration the order submitted by him on Friday last in reference to the Eastern Shore Rail Road;

Mr. Tuck moved to amend the said order by striking out the words "select committee of seven" and inserting "the committee on internal improvements;"

On the question being put, will the House agree to amend;

Determined in the affirmative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the order as amended, and being put,

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Blakistone submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on the constitution to which was referred the confirmatory act from the Senate, limiting the session