

WEDNESDAY, January 29th, 1840.

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

The bill entitled, an act to authorise Philip A. L. Contee to introduce into this State, certain negroes, slaves for life;

And the bill entitled, an act to authorise Eleanor R. Contee to introduce into this State, certain negroes, slaves for life;

And the bill entitled, an act to provide for the payment of State witnesses in Baltimore county;

And the bill entitled, an act to incorporate the directors of the Book Concern of the Methodist Protestant Church;

And the bill entitled, an act to divorce Caroline Dimmitt from her husband Washington Dimmitt;

And the bill entitled, an act to pay jurors in Baltimore, for removed cases from Harford county, and for other purposes therein mentioned;

Were sent to the senate.

Mr. Hammond presented the memorial of James F. Brice, of the city of Annapolis, praying for a subscription by the State, to his note book;

Read and referred to the committee on the library.

Mr. Tall presented the petition of 149 voters of Dorchester county, praying that a law may be passed prohibiting the floaters of lumbers from washing the same in the Basin of Baltimore, or else imposing a tax on them;

Read and referred to the committee already raised on that subject.

Mr. Kepler presented the petition of the commissioners of Washington county, praying an alteration in the law therein mentioned;

Read and referred to Messrs. Kepler, Byer and Mason.

Mr. Sutton presented the petition of sundry citizens of Havre De Grace, praying an act to authorise the appointment of a wood corder in said town;

Read and referred to Messrs. Sutton, Hope and Polk.

Mr. Heckart presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying relief in relation to a certain out-let lock therein mentioned;

Read and referred to the Cecil county delegation.

Mr. Le Grand presented additional testimony in the case of the petition of John Hays, praying for a divorce;

Read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Also, the petition of Henry J. Fossett, praying a divorce from his wife Jane Fossett;

Read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Also, the petition of sundry citizens of Baltimore, praying the passage of an act appropriating so much of the auction duties a-