

FRIDAY, January 31st, 1840.

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

The bill entitled an act to authorise the Levy court in Frederick county, at their discretion to levy a sum of money to erect a bridge over Catoctin, in Frederick county, on the road leading from Burkettsville to Fredericktown,—

The bill entitled an act authorising the Governor to appoint an inspector of lumber for Chesapeake city in Cecil county,—

And the bill entitled an act to divorce Charles Frederick Berger from his wife, Margaret Berger,—

Also the resolution in favor of Elias Johnson and Esther Williss,—

Were sent to the Senate.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from R. W. Higgins, inspector at the tobacco warehouse No. 3, showing the amount of monies paid by him into the treasury;

Also a communication from R. H. Griffith, inspector at warehouse No. 4, showing the amount of monies paid by him into the treasury;

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

Mr. Hope presented the petition of James A. Wilson of Harford county, praying compensation for certain services rendered and expenditures made, as therein mentioned;

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

Mr. Crabbs presented the petition of Leah Hoppe of Carroll county, for a divorce from her husband, Frederick Hoppe;

Read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Gallagher presented the memorial of James Sanford, praying to be divorced from his wife, Rachel Sanford;

Read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Newcomer presented the memorial of Benjamin Poulis, praying relief therein mentioned;

Read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Hellen presented the report from the trustees of Battee Creek Academy, in Calvert county;

Read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Hellen submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on the currency be requested to ascertain if practicable, and to report to this house at as early a day as possible, the cause of the late suspension of specie payments by the different banks or corporations in this State, and how far the suspensions in the adjoining States have been the cause thereof; and whether or not it was expedient, or to the immediate interest of the citizens of this State for said banks or corporations so to suspend at the time they did; and what would have been the result had they not have suspended; and whether there would have