

not have written those articles myself because they might be considered a breach of that courtesy which is due from me to the house collectively as one of its officers.

To prevent any misapprehension in future, it may be proper to state, that I have parted with the editorial control of the Democrat during the present winter, and therefore hope that I shall not a third time be made the subject of so much notoriety, as to be brought before the House of Delegates, to answer for matters with which it will now at least be known, that I have no connection.

I have to request that this note may be placed on the journal, and have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your obedient serv't,

WILLIAM SHIPLEY.

Mr. Quynn presented the petition of Mary Greentree, widow of Benjamin Greentree, a soldier of the revolution, praying to be allowed the quarter's pension accruing at his death, and also to be allowed a pension for life;

Read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Also, the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying the repeal of an act to establish magistrate's courts and its supplements, and praying for the extension of magistrate's jurisdiction;

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

Mr. Risteau presented the petition of Jacob Allison, praying to be divorced from his wife Anna Allison;

Read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Tuck presented the petition of the heirs of Mountjoy Bayley, praying that the land warrant heretofore granted their said ancestor may be converted into a certain sum of money;

Read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Newcomer presented the petition of Agnes Bowman, counter to her husband's, praying the Legislature may not grant him a bill of divorce;

Read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of sundry citizens of the village of Port Deposit, remonstrating against the appointment of more than three lumber inspectors for said village;

Read and referred to the committee on inspections.

Mr. Waters asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Dade, of Montgomery county, until Monday next.

Mr. Graves asked and obtained leave for the committee on small notes, &c. to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Risteau asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill prescribing, defining and regulating the manner in which testimony shall be taken hereafter in all applications for divorces.