

So the order was rejected.

The rule being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Heckart,

The House took up for consideration, a bill referred from the last to this session entitled, a further supplement to an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for building a Masonic Hall in Elkton, Cecil county, for the purpose of referring it to a select committee;

Referred to Messrs. Heckart, Cameron and Foard:

Mr. Long presented the petition of John Tull and B. Arsheba Tull, of Somerset county, praying to be divorced;

Read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Risteau moved to suspend the rule to take up for consideration the resolutions reported by the chairman of the committee of the whole;

On the question being put, Determined in the negative.

The rule being suspended,

Mr. Holmes, from the select committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled an additional supplement to an act, passed at December session 1826, chapter 217, providing for the election of commissioners for Baltimore county, and prescribing their powers and duties;

Read the first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The rule being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The House took up for consideration the resolutions reported by Mr. Mason, chairman of the committee of the whole, instructing our representatives in Congress relative to the Independent Treasury Bill.

On motion of Mr. Risteau,

The house was called and the door-keeper sent for the absent members.

In the absence of the door-keeper the Speaker laid before the House the following communication from the Treasurer of the Western Shore:

*Western Shore Treasury,
Annapolis, 18th January, 1840*

The Honorable

The House of Delegates:

Gentlemen,—In obedience to your order of the 14th inst. I have caused to be prepared, and now have the honor to furnish, the accompanying copy of the obligation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company in pursuance of ch. 241 of 1834, by deed duly executed, acknowledged and recorded.

Most respectfully,

Your ob't. Serv't.

GEORGE MACKUBIN,

Treasr. W. S. Md.