

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the heirs of Thomas H. Marshall, late of Charles county, deceased;

Also, the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Primary Schools in Anne Arundel county;

Also, the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Julia Ann Garner of Carroll county;

And the message in relation to the appointment of a joint committee, to carry into effect the provisions of resolution No. 8, of December session 1840;

Were sent the Senate.

The speaker laid before the house a report from James T. Steen, principal of the Govanstown Academy, relative to the condition of said academy;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Spencer presented the report of the trustees of Shrewsbury Academy in Kent county; and

Mr. Yellott presented the report of Harry D. Gough, secretary to trustees of Harford county Academy, relative to the condition of said academy;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Ligon presented the petition of the commissioners of tax of Howard District, in Anne Arundel county, praying for an act to authorise them to borrow a sum of money, sufficient to enable them to complete the necessary public buildings of said district;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Ligon, Thomas of Anne Arundel and Warfield.

Mr. Weber presented the petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying a special act for the relief of David Thum;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying the passage of an act, for the benefit of Sarah E. Taylor, an indigent minor in said county;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Harris, Lackland and Cropper.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The bill reported by him, entitled an act, to alter and amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland, so as to substitute biennial for annual sessions of the legislature and for other purposes, was made the order of the day for Monday next, the 8th inst.

Mr. Ligon obtained leave to bring in a bill, to separate the school fund of Howard District and Anne Arundel county proper, and to authorise the treasurer to open separate accounts;

Ordered, That Messrs. Ligon, Thomas of Anne Arundel, Johnson, Warfield and Murray report the same.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means, be and they are hereby instructed, to inquire into the propriety and practica-