

claims for rent in arrear,) without the levying of a distress therefor; and the administrator or executor of any deceased person is authorised to pay and discharge such claim for rent in arrear, provided the orphans' court of the county shall be satisfied of the justice of said claim, and that a distressee therefor might be levied on said deceased's goods and chattels in the hands of such administrator or executor; and provided also, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to divest or in any manner impair the right of any person having a claim for rent in arrear against a deceased person, to pursue his remedy therefor by distress in the cases and in the manner now allowed by law.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the orphan's court, before passing or allowing any such claim in the settlement of the accounts of an administrator or executor, shall be satisfied, on proof of the correctness of the claim, and that a distress could be levied and maintained therefor, but nothing in this act contained shall be construed to compel an administrator or executor to pay any such claim, although passed by the orphans' court, if he shall think proper to dispute said claim.

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

The house took up for consideration the order submitted by him on the 3d inst., directing the committee on grievances and courts of justice to inquire into the expediency of appointing in each judicial district, a person of integrity and sound legal knowledge, to be styled the judge of probate for said districts, &c.

On the question being put, will the house adopt said order?

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Simmons,

The house took up for consideration, the preamble and resolutions submitted by him on the 31st ultimo, in relation to the tariff law and the public lands;

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

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

The house then resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the door-keeper;

The order submitted by Mr. Maulsby, on the 7th inst., directing the committee on claims to allow to such clerks and registers as have or may comply with the order of the