

house to an article published in the Baltimore Chronicle, of yesterday, which he conceived called for an explanation on his part, and which he read and proceeded to comment upon.

The Speaker announced that the doorkeeper had returned, and reported that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

Mr. Hillen then moved to postpone the orders of the day;

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Duke,

The house adjourned until to morrow morning ten o'clock.

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SATURDAY, February 3d, 1838.

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

Mr. Giles presented a petition of William McDonald, Archibald George and others, of the city of Baltimore, praying for the opening and grading a certain lane therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Giles, Hillen and Gallagher.

Mr. Biser presented a petition of Catharine Gowen, of Frederick county, praying to be divorced from her husband James Gowen;

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Bowie presented a memorial of the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike Road Company, praying for remuneration for loss, sustained by the construction of the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road;

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Wilmer presented a petition of a number of citizens of Queen Anne's county, praying the aid of the State in the cultivation of silk;

Which was read and referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Hughes presented a petition of Alexis Boorman and thirty four other citizens residing in the vicinity of Patuxent river, praying protection against the lawless conduct of persons engaged in catching oysters in said river;

Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Powder presented a petition of the commissioners of tax, and sundry other citizens of Carroll county, praying the passage of an act authorising them to borrow a certain sum of money therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Powder, Boyle of Carroll, and Shower.

Mr. Coombs presented a petition of Francis V. Langley, of