

Mr. Sprigg submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Chancellor of Maryland be and he is hereby directed to grant a patent unto John Steyer, of Allegany county, for a tract of land in said county called, "Competition," which was surveyed for said Steyer under a warrant of resurvey, on the first day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and whereof a certificate was returned into the Land Office of the Western Shore on the seventeenth day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six; provided, that the said John Steyer shall, by a petition to be filed in the Land Office of the Western Shore, pray that such patent may be granted to him, and shall in said petition expressly relinquish all claim against this State for a repayment of the composition money paid by him into the Treasury on the said certificate of resurvey, in case his title to the land hereby authorised to be granted him shall prove defective; and provided also, that the Chancellor shall be of opinion that the said John Steyer would have been entitled to a patent, on said certificate of resurvey, in case a patent had not been previously granted unto James Smith for a tract of land called, "Birmingham Mines," which is included in said resurvey.

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time.

On motion of Mr. Sprigg, said resolution was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Iglehart, chairman of the committee on claims, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Samuel Ogle, of Frederick county, praying remuneration for \$104 paid by him to a company of soldiers under his command during the late war,

Which was read the first and by special order the second time;

On motion of Mr. Geyer, said report was laid on the table.

Mr. Iglehart, chairman of the committee on claims, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Edmund P. Plowden, of St. Mary's county, praying indemnity for the loss of a horse in the State's service during the late war,

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time;

On motion of Mr. Ford said report was recommitted.

Mr. Risteau, chairman of the committee on divorces, made a favorable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, an act to divorce Horatio R. Merryman, of the State of Maryland, from his wife Sarah A. Merryman,

Which was read the first time;

The said bill was then read the second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Ely, (seconded by two other members that voted in the majority,) moved to reconsider the vote of the house upon said bill,

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Ely, said bill was amended by striking out the words "of the State of Maryland," and by inserting after the