

for the purpose of purchasing and providing a farm, for the better and more economical support of the poor of Washington county, and for other purposes.

Mr. Barnes reports a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the more comfortable maintenance of sick persons confined in the several jails of this state.

Mr. S. R. Smith reports a bill, entitled, An act to relieve executors and administrators from the obligation of performing the duties of guardians, as is required by an act passed at December session 1820, chapter 174.

Mr. Tyson reports the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the members of the Independent Odd Fellows Society, as amended. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the 24th inst.

The resolution relative to returns of the amount of fines, to be made by colonels of regiments, to the legislature, was read the second time. Mr. Sappington moved to strike out colonels, to insert captains, when Mr. Barnes moved to refer the same to the 1st of June? Resolved in the affirmative.

The order relative to giving notice of intended applications for divorce, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Hall, the words "three weeks" were stricken out, and the words "six weeks" were inserted.

Mr. Tyson moved the following as an amendment:

Provided, that this order shall not be construed to extend to petitions for divorces now before the house. Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the order as amended? Determined in the negative.

The order directing the committee of grievances and courts of justice, to enquire whether the judges and clerks have done their duty as prescribed by the act of 1817, chapter 119, was read the second time and assented to.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the resolution relative to a naval academy, was made the order of the day for the 25th inst.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, he was excused from serving on the committee of ways and means, and the chair appointed Mr. Edelen in his place.

The orders proposed by Mr. Teackle, relative to the penitentiary, were read the second time, the 1st and 2d were assented to; the 3d was dissented from, and the residue assented to.

The speaker laid before the house the following report from the agent of the state for the western shore:

Annapolis, Jan. 17, 1826.

My dear sir,

I have the honour to enclose you a report of my proceedings as state's agent for the western shore, under the provisions of the act passed at December session 1824, chapter 139.

With much regard I am, your obt.

Tho. Kennedy.

The honl. B. J. Semmes, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

To the Honourable the Legislature of Maryland.

The late State's Agent for the Western Shore, respectfully submits the following report:

In compliance with the provisions of the act of December session, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, chapter one hundred and