

Resolved, That a joint letter be addressed by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates to the honourable Samuel Smith, informing him of his re-election to the senate of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Brooke, it was Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating the revenues arising from taxes on marriage licenses, lotteries and billiard tables, and an equitable proportion of such revenues as arise from taxes on consumption, and in their nature and operation bear upon the great body of the people, for the support of the public instruction of youth in primary schools.

On motion by Mr. Peach, it was Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of a further reduction or a total abolition of the direct tax, and that said committee report thereon to this house.

Mr. Buchanan delivered the following report; which was twice read and concurred in.

The committee on divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Shaw, of Harford county, have had the circumstances of her case under consideration, and respectfully beg leave to report—That there appears to them to be no sufficient reason for granting her request, and that she have leave to withdraw her petition.

James M. Buchanan, Chairman.

By order,

James H. Milbourne, Com. Clk.

Mr. Peach from the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was twice read and concurred in.

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the petition of Jane White, of the city of Baltimore, praying relief, have had the subject of the reference under their serious consideration, and after having carefully examined all the circumstances of her case, have determined to report thereon as follows:

That in the opinion of your committee, the said petitioner has no claim, either legal or equitable, upon the state, for the reparation of damages which her property sustained while in the occupancy of individuals, the laws of the state having provided her a remedy against her tenants. Your committee therefore respectfully recommend, that the said petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

By order, Geo. A. Farquhar, Com. Clk.

Mr. Du Val delivered the following report; which was twice read, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained, assented to.