

mongst the unfinished business of yesterday; the Speaker, at the request of a member of the house, propounded the question, "will the house agree to sit with closed doors, for the purpose of considering said bill?" Resolved in the affirmative. The lobbies and galleries being then cleared of by-standers, and the doors closed, the house continued in secret session for a short time, during which, the said bill was considered and passed. The doors were then opened, and the said bill was sent to the senate for its concurrence.

On the second reading of the bill reported by the chairman of the committee on divorces, entitled, An act to divorce Elizabeth Blakeley, and her husband John Blakeley, of Baltimore county, being also unfinished business of yesterday; Mr. Barnes moved that the same be referred to the consideration of the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania? Determined in the negative. The said bill was then passed.

The bill reported by the chairman of the committee on divorces, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Davis, of Washington county, being also unfinished business of yesterday, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to make valid a deed from John Miles to John Colbourn, late of Somerset county, deceased; also the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Frederick county, to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; severally endorsed, "will pass."

Also the bill, entitled, An act extending the time for Fiedler Cross, the collector of Prince George's county, to complete his collection, endorsed, "Amendment reconsidered and amended;" which amendment was twice read, by special order, and assented to as amended.

The said bills were thereupon severally ordered to be engrossed.

The said clerk also delivered a bill, originated in, and passed by, the senate, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the administration of justice in the case of crimes and misdemeanors in the city and precincts of Baltimore; which was read and referred to Messrs. Tyson, Richard Thomas, Tilball, Teackle and Brown.

And the following message; which was read, viz.

By the Senate, January 20, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message, proposing to unite the committees appointed by your house, and the senate, upon the subject of the bill prepared by Gideon Pearce, esquire, under the resolution of the last general assembly. To this proposition we assent, but we regret that the senate cannot concur in that part of your message which proposes that the committees shall sit, during the hours of business, in the senate. In a body so small as the senate, the absence of three members would often occasion a defect of a quorum, and impede the progress of business of importance, and the frequent interruption of the committee to which the senate referred said bill, would prevent that continued attention of the committee thereto, which the importance of the subject demands. We are constrained also to dissent from that part of your message which proposes to invest the joint committee with the