

Also a report from the president of the board of commissioners for the management of the school fund of Queen-Anne's county, shewing how the same has been appropriated; referred to the standing committee on public instruction.

And a report from the treasurer of the trustees for the poor of Queen Anne's county, transmitted in conformity with the order of this house, adopted on the 9th instant. Read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Stricker presented a petition from Elizabeth Kaylor, counter to that of her husband Jacob Kaylor, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce; referred to the standing committee on divorces.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the following order was twice read and adopted, viz.

Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice be instructed to examine a work, to be entitled, "An Historical View of the Government of Maryland," proposed to be published by John V. L. McMahon, Esq. and to report as to the expediency of subscribing for two hundred copies of said work, for the use of the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of the government of this state.

Bills of the following titles, were this day severally read the second time, passed, and sent to to the senate for concurrence, viz.

Reported by Mr. Brooke; An act to authorise the several county courts of this state to enter up judgments in favour of defendants whose claims may be of greater amounts than those of plaintiffs, and for other purposes.

Reported by Mr. Stricker; An act to incorporate a company in the city of Baltimore, to be called The Independent Fire Company.

Reported by Mr. Stricker; An act to incorporate a company in the city of Baltimore, to be called, The Vigilant Fire Company.

On motion by Mr. John W. Thomas, the house proceeded to consider the bill, reported by him, entitled. An act relative to the establishment of a light house on Point Concord, at the mouth of the Susquehannah river; and in the progress of the second reading thereof, on motion by Mr. John W. Thomas, the first section was amended by the insertion after the words, "of establishing a light house," in the 6th line of the printed copy the following words, "a house for the keeper to live in, and a garden spot."

On motion, by Mr. John W. Thomas, the following were received and adopted as additional sections to the bill, viz.

And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be taken or understood to prevent the authorised agent of the United States from making a purchase of the property that may be required for the establishment of said light house, provided he can do so on or before the first day of March next.

And be it enacted, That the property so purchased, shall be ceded to the said United States in the same manner as if the commissioners had valued and condemned the property.