

to receive notice thereof, or is prevented by sickness, or other unavoidable cause, from attending, he may give such further time as to him may seem right; causing notice of postponement to be given as provided in the preceding section."

Mr. John W. Thomas moved to amend said additional section by inserting after the words, "shall be satisfied," the words, "by competent testimony." Determined in the negative.

Mr. Richard Thomas then moved to amend said additional section, by inserting after said words "shall be satisfied," the words "by disinterested testimony." Resolved in the affirmative.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Edward Hughes, as an additional section, to come in after the third, so amended, was then adopted.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the third section was reconsidered and amended, by the insertion, after the words, "debt or damage," in the third line thereof, in the manuscript, the following, "within the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace."

On motion by Mr. Tyson, the following proviso was adopted and added to the bill, viz. "Provided, that no provision of this act be taken or construed so as to extend to the city of Baltimore."

On motion by Mr. Hall, the said bill was then recommitted to the committee which reported it, for the purpose of amendment.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock

SATURDAY, January 27, 1827.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Petitions and memorials were then presented, viz.

By Mr. Harlan, a petition from Rachel Hall, of Cecil county, praying for a divorce; referred to the standing committee on that subject.

By Mr. Stricker, the memorial of sundry citizens of the city of Baltimore, members of "The Chatsworth Canal Company of Baltimore," praying an act of incorporation; referred to the standing committee on internal improvement.

By Mr. Kent, the petition of Charles R. Hardesty, David Steuart, junior, and John Berger, the clerks in the state's tobacco inspection warehouses, praying for an increase of their salaries; referred to the committee on ways and means.

And the petition of Elizabeth Watson, of Anne Arundel county, praying some pecuniary relief; referred to the standing committee on that subject.

By Mr. Speed, the petition of Rachel Fennel, of Anne-Arundel county, praying that some pecuniary relief may be provided for her; also referred to the standing committee on that subject.

By Mr. Norris, the petition of William Johnson, a poor old