

county; referred to Messrs. Turner, Price and Buchanan.

By Mr. Janes, the petition of Betsy Burriss, of Montgomery county, praying pecuniary relief; referred to the standing committee appointed to consider such applications.

By Mr. Maffitt, the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, counter to the petition of sundry other citizens of said county, praying the repeal of a law passed at the last session to authorise the building of a bridge across the river Susquehanna, at or near Havre De Grace; referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition to which this petition is counter.

By Mr. Hardcastle, the petition of sundry citizens of Caroline county, praying the passage of an act to authorise the cutting of a ditch for the purpose of draining certain lands therein described; referred to Messrs. Hardcastle, Brown and Saulsbury.

By Mr. Tidball, a petition from sundry citizens of Washington county, residing in the town of Williamsport, and its vicinity, praying for the passage of an act to incorporate a bank to be located in the said town, and to be called The Washington County Bank; referred to the same committee to whom was referred a similar petition.

The speaker communicated to the house a report from the sheriff of Talbot county, containing a statement of the amount of fees which were placed in his hands for collection by the several public officers therein mentioned, and of the abatements made therefrom respectively, for fees due by insolvents and nonresidents, and also for commissions allowed on his collections, for each of the years 1825 and 1826, transmitted in compliance with an order of this house of the fourth instant.

And also a report from the register of wills for Queen-Anne's county, containing a statement, on oath, as well of the amount of the fees that had accrued in his office, as of the amount thereof which he had received, and also of the amount thereof which was still due, for each of the years 1824, 1825 and 1826, transmitted in compliance with the order of this house of the tenth instant.

Which said reports were severally referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Du Val offered the following message; which was twice read, viz.

By the House of Delegates, January 31st, 1827.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

This house being informed by the report of the committee on a joint ballot for the election of bank directors on the part of this state, that the election of bank directors for the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, is imperfect,