

cause its provisions do not materially differ from the present laws upon the subject which experience has already proved to be defective and inadequate to the purposes of securing a regular and full enrollment and proper discipline of the militia.

It is the opinion of the senate, that the provision for the drill and instruction of the officers in camp, will be inefficient, unless an appropriation is made to defray the necessary expense of its execution, and as congress have not yet legislated upon the report of the secretary at war, in relation to the enrollment and discipline of the militia, a postponement of this bill might conduce to the melioration of a system, hereafter to be enacted by the general assembly of this state.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clerk.

The bill to divorce Jane Atkinson, and her husband Hugh Atkinson, of the city of Baltimore, was read a third time, rejected, and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion, the bill for the relief of Martin Fenwick, of Anne Arundel county, was referred to Messrs. Marriott, Kennedy and Sewell.

Mr. Heath asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act relating to divorces.—Ordered, that Messrs. Heath, Sewell, and Forrest, be a committee to prepare and report the same.

On motion, Mr. Kennedy was substituted in the place of Mr. Thomas, as one of the committee to whom was referred, the bill authorising the governor and council of this state to appoint inspectors of salted fish for the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes.

Mr. Heath, from the committee, made an unfavourable report upon the bill to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, so that each county, and the city of Baltimore, may have a senator to be elected immediately by the people.

The said bill was then made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Friday, March 2d, 1827.

The Senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Johnson appeared in the senate.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message, which was read,