

On motion by Mr. Gantt, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry poor persons in the several counties therein mentioned, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed.

Mr. Nicholas reported a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Asahel Hussey and others.

Which was read.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Joseph Moffett, Esq. which was read, and is as follows:

Annapolis, February 19th, 1831.

To the Honourable,
the Speaker of the
House of Delegates of Maryland.

Sir

Feeling it a duty that I owe to the honourable body over which you preside, to my constituents, and to myself, that some notice should be taken on the journal of proceedings of the house of delegates, for the reason of my absence from the house during almost the whole of the present session.

I have thought it proper to state, that although I did attend for a few days at the beginning of the session, I was afterwards confined to my bed by illness, and have not been able to leave my room since, and that since my arrival in this city, I have not enjoyed one hour of good health.

Very respectfully, sir,
I have the honour to be
Your Obedient Serv't.

Joseph Moffett.

Mr. Chapman submitted the following order; which was twice read and adopted.

Ordered, That this house does deeply regret the cause which has prevented the attendance of Joseph Moffett, Esq. upon the duties of the house.

The report of the committee on internal improvement, to whom was referred the report of the commissioners of the last General Assembly, upon the subject of the removal of the impediments in Chester river, from Sutton's point to the town of Millington, was taken up for consideration, read the second time and rejected.

Mr. Dalrymple laid before the house a letter from Isaac Hooper, of Calvert county, stating that his house and furniture had been consumed by fire, and praying to be released