

Mr. Turner presented a petition of Ezekiel Bovan, of Baltimore county, praying to be divorced from his wife, Catharine Bovan; which was read and referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Ely presented a petition of the Trustees of the Franklin Academy in Baltimore county, praying that the donations to Academies in said county, may be apportioned to the several Academies in the county, according to the number of classical scholars in each of said academies respectively; and that the trustees of the several academies may be required to report to the Treasurer of the Western Shore annually, one month before the meeting of the Legislature, the state of their institution; a duplicate of which report to be sent to the Legislature at the opening of its session; which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

And, Mr. Jenkins presented a petition of Samuel Sterrett of the city of Baltimore, praying for an act to revive and continue, for a limited period, the Act of Incorporation of the Union Insurance Company of Maryland; which was read and referred to Messrs. Jenkins, Harper, and Turner.

The Speaker laid before the house a communication from the executors of William Gibson, late Clerk of Baltimore County Court, relative to the several sums of money paid by him into the Western Shore Treasury, in obedience to resolution No. 70, of December session, 1827, which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Mr. Hope,

Ordered, That the Orphan's Court of Harford county, forthwith present to this house a full and accurate account of their proceedings in regard to the distribution of the school fund of said county, under the act entitled "A further supplement to the act entitled An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing Free Schools in the several counties therein mentioned," passed at December session, 1829, chapter 27—and that they specify the names of the several commissioners, and state who of them have, and who have not complied with the requisitions of the aforesaid act, and also send on a copy of the proceedings of each commissioner who have acted under the original law; passed at December session, 1816, chap. 256. And under the supplement of said law passed at December session, 1821, chapter 51—said copy to be accompanied by a statement of all the monies received and paid away by each commissioner, shewing the time of receiving and paying away, and the balance, if any, in their and each of their hands.