

*Resolved*, That the suspension of specie payments by the banks, and the consequent issue of small notes, by corporations and individuals, have driven from circulation, the only kind of money, which is known to the Constitution of the United States, or recognized by the laws of Maryland.

*Resolved*, That the General Government, so far as its action and influence extend, has endeavored to secure a sound currency to the people of the Union; and that it is the duty of the legislature to restore a specie circulation to the people of Maryland, so that they may not be compelled by the laws, to pay in gold and silver, while they are compelled by the banks to receive irredeemable paper.

Which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams reported a bill, entitled, an act declaratory of the law concerning contempts of court;

Mr. Swingley reported a bill, entitled, an act to provide for the erection of a stone bridge over Antietam creek, at John Shane's mill, in Washington county;

Mr. Hughes reported a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act relating to the public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, passed in 1801, ch. 54;

Mr. Sollers reported a bill, entitled, an act to authorise the stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Calvert circuit, to hold property for the use of said church;

Mr. Ford reported a bill, entitled, a supplement to the act to fix and make permanent the salaries of certain officers of the civil government;

Mr. Risteau reported a bill, entitled, an act to divorce William Start, of Queen Anne's county, from his wife Catharine Start,

And Mr. Carroll, chairman of the committee on education, reported a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Franklin School, in Somerset county;

Mr. Kerr, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, reported a bill, entitled, a further supplement to an act, entitled, an act directing the manner of suing out attachments in this province, and limiting the extent of them,

Also, reported a bill, entitled, an act to confirm and make valid a deed of conveyance from Daniel Renner to Susannah Jenkins,

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Risteau, chairman of the committee on divorces, made unfavorable reports upon the petition of Ann Weston, of Talbot county, praying to be divorced from her husband James Weston,

Also upon the petition of Elizabeth Brown, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be divorced from her husband Jehu Brown,

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Risteau, chairman of the committee on divorces, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Col. Benjamin Smith, of Cecil county, praying to be divorced from his wife Rebecca Smith,