

FRIDAY, February 16th, 1838.

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

The bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Carroll Academy and House of Public Worship,

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to authorise the commissioners of Washington county to appoint judges, and fix the place of holding the elections in the ninth election district in said county,

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to divorce Catharine Gowan from her husband James Gowan,

And the resolution in favour of Ann G. Handy, executrix of Elizabeth Handy, late of Somerset county,

Were sent to the senate.

The clerk of the Council delivered the following communication from the Executive:

Executive Department,
Annapolis, Feb. 16th, 1838.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

I have received your order of the 10th inst. requesting me to inform you what progress has been made under the resolution of December session 1835, providing for a digest of the laws of this State, and herewith lay before you a copy of one, and an extract of another letter, from Joseph I. Merrick, Esq. who was last spring appointed Director of the Digest, and also an extract of a letter from the Clerk of the Council to Mr. Merrick, containing all the written communications between the Executive and Mr. Merrick, in relation to the work in question. I have not heard anything further from Mr. Merrick upon the subject, nor have I any other knowledge what progress, if any, has been made in the work since the last session of the General Assembly.

I am, gentlemen, with great respect,

Your obedient humble servant,

THOMAS W. VEAZEY.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Ely, 117 copies of said communication with the accompanying documents ordered to be printed;

On motion of Mr. Carpinter, said communication was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Parker presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Cecil county, for the relief of the sheriff of said county,

Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Parker also presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying an alteration in the mode of serving of writs by constables,

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.