

The clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following bills:

A bill entitled, an act to divorce Samuel Keplinger, of the city of Baltimore, from his wife Mary Keplinger,

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on divorces.

A bill entitled, an act authorising the commissioners of Baltimore county, to provide a suitable apartment in some of the public buildings belonging to the said county and city, for the accommodation of the Trustees of the poor of said county,

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Brown, Jones and Tidball.

And returned the resolution which originated in the Senate, requesting the Governor to issue a commission to the Honorable William D. Merrick, endorsed "assented to."

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

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FRIDAY, January 5, 1838.

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

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Mary Charles, of Caroline county, passed yesterday by the Senate, was returned to the house of delegates.

The President laid before the Senate, the following letter from the Honorable William D. Merrick,

Which was read and referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates.

Annapolis, January 4, 1838.

To the Honorable, the President of the Senate, and

The Honorable, the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Md. Gentlemen,—I have had the honor to receive your communication informing me that I have been elected, by the honorable bodies over which you respectively preside, "a Senator in the United States Senate, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Governor Kent."

This communication, I beg to assure you, and through you, the honorable members of the General Assembly, I have received with sentiments of profound gratitude, and in entering upon the duties of this high and responsible station, I have only to regret that I cannot hope to carry into the service of the state, abilities proportionate to