

SATURDAY, February 17th, 1827.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday, except the honourable the Speaker, who left the seat of government this morning, for the purpose of visiting his family.

Whereupon, on motion by Mr. Stevens, the house proceeded to ballot for a speaker pro tempore. John G. Chapman, esquire, was put in nomination by M. Stevens. The ballots of the members having been deposited in the ballot box, on examination thereof by the chief and assistant clerk, it appeared that John G. Chapman, esquire, was unanimously elected, who was thereupon conducted to the chair by Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Ridgely, whose attendance in the house, for the last few days, had been interrupted by sickness, again appeared and resumed his seat.

Petitions and memorials of the following titles, were this day presented, viz.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

By Mr. Tyson, the petition of Mary Amanda Bosworth, of the city of Baltimore;

Also, the petition of Elizabeth Wason, of the city of Baltimore;

And the petition of Peter Harrison, of the city of Baltimore, each praying a divorce.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the standing committee on divorces.

Also by Mr. Tyson, the petition of Joseph King, Junior, of the city of Baltimore, praying an act to make valid and effectual the letter of attorney therein mentioned; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Stricker and Buchanan.

Also by Mr. Tyson, the petition of John Davis, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency; referred to the standing committee on that subject.

By Mr. Stewart, the petition of Mary Atwell, of Anne-Arundel county, praying for pecuniary relief; referred to the standing committee on that subject.

By Mr. Hitch, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying a change in the constitution and form of government, so far as it relates to the division of Worcester county into five several election districts.

And the petition of sundry persons residing in the fifth election district in Worcester county, praying that the constitution may be so changed that the said district may be divided into two election districts; severally referred to Messrs. Hitch, Samuel R. Smith and Slemaker.

By Mr. Barnes, the memorial of sundry stockholders of the Bank of Westminster, praying that the said bank may be located at Frederick, with a branch at Westminster, and that its name may be changed to that of "The