

And the question thereon being taken.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The house then, accordingly, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, for the purpose of considering the said bill, and, after some time spent therein, the speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Thomas, the chairman, reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again; which leave was granted by the house.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

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THURSDAY, January 22, 1829.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Phelps asked and obtained for Mr. Hughlett, leave of absence from the service of the house for this day.

The speaker laid before the house a report of the treasurer for the western shore, prepared in obedience to the order of this house of the 31st ultimo, presenting an exhibit of the revenue accrued on the western shore, from 1st May to 1st November 1828, under the act of 1827, ch. 117; and of the revenue accrued from like sources in the corresponding half year of 1827, and before the passage of the said law. And also of the product of those sources in the whole year ended 1st Nov. 1827. The said report and exhibit were referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Price of Baltimore county, presented a petition of Martha Jacobs of Baltimore county, wife of Benjamin Jacobs, praying for a divorce.

Mr. Gantt presented a petition of Ellen Streby, wife of George Streby, praying for a divorce.

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

Mr. Kemp presented a petition of James M'Attee and Nancy Busey of Frederick county, praying for pecuniary relief, in consequence of their inability to procure support.

Mr. Crabb presented a petition of George Watts of the city of Annapolis, praying a small sum may be levied upon Anne-Arundel county and paid to him, to aid in his support of John Stallings, an orphan child.

Ordered, That the two last mentioned petitions be referred to the committee on the subject to which they respectively relate.