

subject had been referred, reported a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the marriage of Basil Grimes and Mary Grimes, of Frederick county. And,

Mr. Wright of Dorchester, chairman of the select committee, to which the subject had been referred, reported a bill, entitled, An act relating to the alms or work-house, of Dorchester county.

Which said bills, being severally read the first time, were ordered to lie on the table.

The bill reported by Mr. Hughlett, entitled, An act to authorise the justices of the levy courts in the several counties of this state, to protect the roofs of their court houses from the effects of fire, was taken up for consideration. And in the progress of the second reading thereof,

Mr. Hughlett proposed to fill the blank in the third section of the bill, (which provides for covering the roof of the courthouse in Talbot county, with slate, tin, or other material not liable to be affected by flakes of fire falling on or driven thereon, from the burning of neighbouring buildings, by appropriating a sum of money to be drawn out of the western shore treasury,) with the words 'two hundred and fifty dollars.' When,

On motion by Mr. Thomas, the said bill was recommitted to the committee, from which it was reported, for the purpose of amendment.

The clerk of the senate returned the resolution authorising the joint committee upon the subject of the chancery records, to issue subpoenas for witnesses, and so forth, endorsed 'assented to.'

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed.

And a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, passed at November session eighteen hundred and nine, chapter seventy-six, endorsed 'will not pass.'

Also, delivered a bill, originated in, and passed by the senate, entitled, An act to incorporate the Commercial Exchange Company of Baltimore; which, being read by its title, was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. M. Mahon and Steuart of Baltimore city, and Mercer.

And a memorial of the proprietors of the Susquehannah Canal, counter to the petition and memorial of James Bosley, of the city of Baltimore, presented on the 14th instant, by Mr. Evans, praying for a repeal of such parts of the act therein mentioned, as may be inconsistent with his rights; which memorial, being referred by the senate to the consideration of this house, was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the house agreed to take up for consideration the bill reported on the ninth instant, (pursuant to the order of recommitment of the third instant,) by Mr. Done, as chairman of the committee on ways and means, entitled, An act for the general valuation and assessment of pro-