

tled an act for the relief of John Asquith, administrator of Robert C. Asquith, late collector of taxes, for the city of Baltimore, deceased, and of his securities, was taken up for consideration, and read the second time,

When Mr. Teackle moved that the said bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

And the question thereon being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The bill having been placed in the hands of the Speaker, for the purpose of taking the question, as to its passage;

Mr. Steele moved that it be withdrawn from the chair, and again laid on the table.

The question on this motion being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Wright then moved for an adjournment,

And the question thereon being taken,

It was decided in the negative.

Mr. Wells having also moved for an adjournment, and the question thereon being put,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Wells renewed his motion for an adjournment, and the question being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

TUESDAY, January 12th, 1830.

The House met at ten o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and the Speaker having taken the chair, the roll was called over. Were present the same members as on yesterday, except Messrs. Buchanan, Shriver, Sellman, Irving, and Grason, a committee appointed to visit and inspect the Penitentiary, and who are now absent on that service.

After divine service, by the Reverend Mr. Blanchard, the proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the clerk of Queen Anne's county, relative to the attendance of the judges of that court, for the performance of official duties, made pursuant to the directions of the act of 1809.

Mr. Teackle presented a petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying an amendment of the law, in relation to the manumission of slaves, and that a tax may be imposed upon free negroes and mulattoes within this state.

Ordered, that the said report and petition be severally referred to the Committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.