

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal, that Mr. Graves is detained from his seat by indisposition.

On motion of Mr. Randall,

Ordered, That the committee on Retrenchment report to-morrow the bill entitled, an act to fix the per diem of the members of the Legislature and officers thereof, which bill was referred to the said committee on the 31st day of December last.

Mr. Hammond, chairman of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, reported a bill entitled, an act to make valid a deed therein mentioned, between the parties thereto ;

Read the first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Crain reported a bill entitled, an act to repeal the third section of the act entitled, an act directing the manner of suing out attachments in this province, and limiting the extent of them ;

Read the first time.

Mr. Hammond, chairman of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled, an act to repeal the third section of the act entitled, an act directing the manner of suing out attachments in this province, and limiting the extent of them, reported the said bill without amendment ;

Read the second time, passed and returned to the Senate.

Mr. Lecompte of Carroll, from the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, submitted the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, doubts are entertained as to the sanity of Frederick Fritz alias Jacob Bruker, now confined in the jail of Carroll county, under sentence of death ; and whereas, it is important that additional testimony shall be had touching his sanity at the time of the commission of the murder of which he has been convicted, and since,—therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby authorised to appoint one suitable person as commissioner, whose duty it shall be to collect and take all such testimony, either in this State or in the city of Washington, as he may be able to collect, touching the sanity of the said Frederick Fritz alias Jacob Bruker, at the time of the commission of the murder of which he has been convicted, and that it shall be the duty of said commissioner, to transmit such testimony when taken, to the Governor, for the purpose of aiding him in determining upon the sanity or insanity of the said Frederick Fritz alias Jacob Bruker, at the time of the commission of said murder, and at this time.

And be it resolved, That the said commissioner shall have power to issue subpoenas for witnesses, and to administer oaths or affirmations to all such witnesses as may be produced before him.

And be it resolved, That the levy court of Frederick county be and they are hereby authorised to pay said commissioner such compensation and charges as they may deem right and proper, out