Read and referred to Messrs. Hopkins, Butler, Yellot and Jarrett.

Mr. Buchanan presented the petition of Joseph Timmonds, of Allegany county, praying a divorce, a vinculo matrimonii, from his wife Elizabeth Timmonds;

Read, and on motion of Mr. Nicols,

Ordered, That the said petition be laid on the table.

Mr. Hall presented the petition of the Baptist Church in Baltimore county, praying an act of incorporation;

Read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Weber presented the petition of Matthias Corderman, of Washington county, praying to be divorced from his wife Mary Corderman;

Read, and on motion of Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That said petition be laid on the table.

Mr. Weber also presented the petition of Jacob Boward, of Washington county, for the passage of a law to give him additional compensation as crier of Washington county court;

Read and referred to Messrs. Weber, Harne, Grove, Nesbit

and Boteler.

Mr. Hopkins presented the petition of sundry citizens of the second election district of Harford county, for a law to abolish magistrates' courts in said district;

Read and referred to Messrs. Hopkins, Butler, Yellott and Jar-

rett.

On motion of Mr. Pickell,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Pickell, Buskirk, Neff and Buchanan, to bring in a bill to change the name of George Augustus Clarke, of Allegany county.

Mr. Semmes moved to change the standing rules of the House

by striking from the 43rd rule, "a committee on Divorces."

On motion of Mr. McKeehan,

Leave was granted to withdraw from the files of the House certain memorials from Frederick county, relating to the passage of a fence law in said county.

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Kilgour, Griffith, Dade and Worthington, to bring in a bill to regulate the sittings of the orphans' court of Montgomery county, and to enlarge the powers of the register of wills thereof.

On motion of Mr. Pickell,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore furnish to this House a statement of the State taxes paid by the several incorporated mining companies in Allegany county annually since their organization, from the year 1836.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Buchanan, Buskirk, Neff and Pickell, to bring in a bill to enable John M. Carlton, late sheriff of Allegany county, to close his business as sheriff and collector of fees in said county.