

inform him that a quorum of the House having convened, were ready to proceed to business, and receive any communication he might be pleased to lay before them, reported that the committee had performed the duties of their appointment, and the Governor had answered that he would transmit a communication to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

Mr. Graves offered the following order:

Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to address a circular to the Canal, Rail Road and Manufacturing Companies, Banking and Savings Institutions in this State, requiring them to answer upon oath, the following interrogatories as soon as possible, to be reported to this House—

1st. Whether they have issued promissory notes in the form and for the purpose of currency; whether payable on demand or at a future day—and further, whether either of said companies have any reserved funds for the redemption of such notes.

2d. What amount of said notes have been issued by said companies, &c.

3d. Of what denomination of notes have these issues been made.

4th. What amount of said notes have been redeemed; and if any, what amount re-issued.

5th. If such notes have not been issued already, whether any resolution has been passed by any such corporate company for such issues, and whether any measures have been adopted to carry such resolution into effect.

6th. And whether such notes of any of those companies are redeemable upon their face in money, or in some other way.

Mr. Mason moved as a substitute for the said order the following:

Ordered, That a select committee of seven be appointed to take into immediate consideration the subject of the Banks and the currency, and that they report thereon to this House at as early a day as practicable.

The question was then put, will the House adopt the substitute?

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the order by Mr. Graves; and on being put, was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Giles asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act for the more speedy trial of causes in the Court of Appeals of Maryland;

Which was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice, to be hereafter appointed.

On motion of Mr. Legrand,

Ordered, That the clerk of this House address a letter to John M. Gordon, President of the Hamilton Bank, requesting to be furnished with the amount of capital subscribed and paid in; by whom subscribed, and who are its present stockholders, and the number of shares held by each.