

ing for an act to incorporate the American Beet Sugar Refinery and Manufacturing Company;

Read and referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. Long presented the petition of Robert H. Matthews, of Somerset county, praying to be divorced from his wife Sarah Matthews;

Mr. Parke presented the petition of George Hinkle, praying for a divorce from his wife Barbara Hinkle;

Mr. Gallagher presented the petition of Emeline Marr, praying to be divorced from her husband Matthew Marr;

Severally read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Giles asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act for the education of the indigent deaf and dumb in this State, passed December session 1827, chapter 140;

Mr. Byer asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorise a lottery, to construct a turnpike road from Hagerstown, Washington county, through Leitersburg to the Pennsylvania line, and for introducing wholesome water into the town of Leitersburg;

Read and referred to the committee on lotteries.

Mr. Mason submitted the following resolution as a substitute for the resolution submitted by Mr. Spence on the same subject—

Whereas, it appears to this General Assembly, that the terms of the law by which the State of Maryland agreed to subscribe one million of dollars toward the capital stock of the Eastern Shore Rail Road have not been complied with by that company; and with a view to ascertain that fact, and to know how far the State has been released from the payment of said subscription to said rail road by the failure of said company to comply with the terms of the contract aforesaid—Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Attorney General of this State, be and he is hereby directed to proceed with all possible dispatch in the mode pointed out, and recognized by the laws of this State, to ascertain whether or not the terms of the law by which this State agreed to subscribe one million of dollars toward the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company, and whether the resolution of the last General Assembly No. 84, have been complied with by said company, and if not, whether or not the State has thereby been released from all legal obligations to complete her subscription of one million of dollars aforesaid.

Be it resolved, That if it shall be found that in the manner above prescribed the State is released, as aforesaid, then all operations upon said rail road, so far as the State is interested therein, shall be suspended and abandoned.

And be it resolved, That immediately upon the said rail road being declared abandoned as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint three commissioners, who shall proceed at once, in conjunction with the President and Directors of the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company, to ascertain all the legal and equi-