

On motion of Mr. Martin,

The house took up for consideration the unfavorable report of the committee on divorces, on the application of Elijah McDowell;

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Martin submitted the following as a substitute for said report:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that Elijah McDowell of the city of Baltimore, be and he is hereby divorced from his wife Ann M. McDowell, a vinculo matrimonii;

On the the question being put—

Will the house adopt the said substitute?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The question then recurred on the passage of said bill, and on the same being put,

On motion of Mr. Martin,

The house was called and the door-keeper sent after the absent members in the city.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

The house proceeded with the ordinary business of the session, in the absence of the door-keeper.

The rule being suspended,

Mr. Tuck presented the petition of 30 citizens of Piscataway, and its vicinity, Prince George's county, praying that a road may be opened from said village to some navigable point on Piscataway Creek, and that a law may pass to that effect;

Read and referred to Messrs. Tuck, Maccubbin and Sprigg.

The house resumed the consideration of bills in order, entitled to a second reading;

The next in order is the bill from the senate, entitled, an act to give to the Chancellor and the county courts, as courts of equity, jurisdiction in cases of divorce;

Mr. Risteau moved to strike out the enacting clause of said bill;

Before the question was put—

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The further consideration of said bill was suspended for the present, for the purpose of enabling him to submit to the house the annual report of the committee on ways and means, which was accordingly submitted.

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Mr. Spencer moved that said report be printed;

Before the question was put—

Mr. Tuck moved that the said report be recommitted to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to the said committee to amend said report, so as to present the condition of the State treasury, and recommendations on that subject, without reference to extraneous matters not necessarily connected with the public finances.

On the question being put—