

THURSDAY, March 12th, 1840.

The house met. Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Coad, Welch of Kent, Ridgely, Bruce, Stansbury, Holmes, Colston, Cottman, Winder, Frazier, Tall, Phelps, Foard, Heckart, Maccubbin, Temples, Bravard, Hearn, Quynn, Biser, Simmons, Firor, Sutton, Hope, Polk, Sangston, Thawley, Giles, Graves, Mason, Newcomer, Byer, Keppler, Waters, Dade, Price, Crabbs, Parke, Bramwell, Hook, Mr. Speaker

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act, relating to the Maryland Penitentiary, passed at December session, 1837, chapter 320;

The bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to incorporate the Baltimore United Fire Department;

The bill, entitled, an act, to provide for an exchange of certain stock therein mentioned;

The resolution in favor of Captain John Thomas;

And the message adopted on yesterday in relation to the bill, entitled, an act to regulate the municipal government of Howard District of Anne Arundel county;

Were sent to the senate.

Mr. Ridgely presented the petition of sundry citizens of Carroll county and Howard District, in Anne Arundel county, praying the passage of a law to erect a bridge over the western branch of the Patapsco river, on the Westminster and Washington road, near Hood's Mills;

Read and referred to Messrs. Ridgely, Hammond, Parke, Crabbs and Bramwell.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

Ordered, That the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, enquire into the expediency of allowing Basil Hatton and James L. Alder, of Prince George's county, a pension, as a further remuneration for their services during the revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. Heckart,

Ordered, That the committee which was raised in the commencement of this session to investigate the causes of the failures of the Bank of Maryland and other insolvent institutions, be instructed to report to this house what progress they have made in said investigation, and also report whether they have investigated the cause of the failure of the Susquehanna Bank at Port Deposit or not.

The Speaker called Mr. Biser to the chair.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the committee on corporations, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of the town of New Market, in Dorchester county, praying for an act of incorporation, be instructed to report upon the same without delay.

Mr. Bramwell submitted the following resolution: