District of Anne Arundel county. The bill is accordingly returned to you. By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Cl'k. Mr. Ridgely then moved to suspend the rule for the purpose of giving to the amendments from the senate to the said bill a second reading by special order.

On the question being put,

It was determined in the negative.

And the bill entitled, an act to authorise the recording of a certain deed, endorsed "will pass."

Read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts

of justice.

Mr. Owens presented the memorial of Wm. Hammond and other citizens of the State of Maryland, praying for the énacting of a law in reference to taverns, grog-shops and other places where intoxicating drinks are sold;

Read and referred to the committee already raised on that sub

ject.

Mr. Colston presented the petition of sundry citizens of the villages of the Trappe and its vicinity in Talbot county, praying the passage of a law to authorise them to open a road through the and of the late Howel Powel of said county, to the navigable water of Dividing creek;

Read and referred to Messrs. Colston, Lloyd and Martin.

On motion of Mr. Graves,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred the memorial of certain landholders of Baltimore and Harford counties, and the counter memorial of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road company, be discharged from the consideration of the same, and said memorials be referred to the committee already raised for report on similar memorials.

On motion of Mr. Welch of Annapolis,

Whereas, the steps leading to the office containing the records of the old provincial court and general court of this State, are in a very dilapidated condition, so much so, that the entrance to the office is rendered both difficult and dangerous, and whereas sundry repairs are essentially necessary for the preservation of the public property, therefore

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair, whose duty it shall be to report to this house the condition of the public building, and what repairs are necessary for the preserva-

tion of the same;

Whereupon the Speaker appointed Messrs. Welch of A., Es-

tep and Owens said committee.

Mr. Welch of A. asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a market house and town hall in the city of Annapolis, and procuring a fire engine and apparatus for the protection of the public buildings at the seat of government, and the city of Annapolis from destruction by fire;