

THURSDAY, January 9th, 1840.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Speaker laid before the house a communication from the Register in Chancery, relating to taxes paid by him into the treasury ;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

Also a communication from Col. C. M. Thruston, colonel of the 50th Regiment of Maryland militia :

Read and referred to the committee on claims.

Also, a communication from the clerk of Calvert county court, in reference to monies paid by him into the treasury ;

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

Also, a communication from the same clerk relating to the attendance of judges ;

Read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Also, a communication from the clerk of Worcester county court, relating to monies paid by him into the treasury of the Eastern Shore ;

Read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Also, a communication from same clerk relating to the attendance of judges ;

Read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Giles presented the memorial of the grand jury of the city of Baltimore, attending Baltimore city court, at its June term 1839, praying an amendment to the license law of 1827, ch. 117.

Read and referred to the committee on crimes and punishments.

Mr. Seidenstricker presented the memorial of Dr. James Power, praying the passage of an act to authorise him to exchange certain property, in the city of Baltimore, for real estate in the country ;

Read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Ridgely submitted the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas the Governor of this State, in his recent message to the General Assembly, has recommended an increase of the revenue by the imposition of a direct tax on the real and personal property of the state :

And, whereas, in the opinion of this General Assembly, the measure of direct taxation, is one of an extreme character, to be justified only by the failure of all other resources for the support of government, the maintenance of public credit, and the fulfilment of the public obligations,

And, whereas, the constituents of this General Assembly, may and naturally will be greatly apprehensive that this suggestion of