

On Motion of Mr. Mason,

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice be instructed to inquire into the constitutional power of the Legislature to enact a law, limiting the charges hereafter to be made by the several rail road companies, within the State of Maryland, for the transportation of the United States mails, to such terms as the public welfare may demand—and to inquire also into the expediency of adopting such restrictions.

On motion of Mr. Graves,

Ordered, that the subject of the inquiry, referred to a select committee of the last session in relation to the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Balt. Raid Road, be referred to a select committee of seven, with instructions also to inquire into the truth of the report in regard to the stoppage of certain baggage by said company.

Whereupon the Speaker appointed Messrs. Graves, Foard, Bruce, Cottman, Waters, Wilmer, Welsh of Kent.

Mr. Bowling asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled an act to incorporate the Benedict Steam Milling and Manufacturing company;

Referred to Messrs. Bowling, Matthews and Bruce.

Mr. Temples, from the committee on revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the resolution in favor of Elias Johnson made a favorable report thereon.

On motion, it was

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Willson from the committee on revolutionary claims to whom was referred the resolution in favor of Esther Willis, made a favorable report thereon.

On motion,

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Risteau, chairman of the committee on divorces, reported a bill entitled, an act to divorce Elizabeth Miles, from her husband Robert Miles;

Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Matthews, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, an act for the relief of John Frisby Wilmer, of Charles county;

Read the first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Long, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, an act to consolidate the sixth and eleventh election districts of Somerset county, passed at December session 1838, chapter 12;

Read the first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Risteau from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, an act for the better regulation of private roads in this State;

Read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Polk, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill en-