FRIDAY, Jan. 17, 1840.

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

The Speaker announced the following communication from the Executive, as having been delivered by the Clerk of the Senate on yesterday.

January 14th, 1840.

Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Delegates:

I send herewith a communicatian from Jonathan Meredith, Esq., in relation to certain prosecutions, pending in Pennsylvania, against Nathan S. Bemis and others. Under the resolution of Dec. session 1837, chapter 79, Mr. Meredith was appointed as commissioner to procure the dismissal of said prosecutions, "or make such arrangements as might be necessary to refer the question involved to the Supreme Court of the United States."

In the discharge of this duty, he visited Harrisburg, and made a full representation of the case to the authorities of Pennsylvania; and the Legislature of that State, in the just and conciliatory spirit which ought always to exist between the different States of the Union, passed an act providing for a final adjudication of the questions involved, in the mode suggested by the said resolution. The resolution makes no provision for the employment of counsel to conduct the case, in its progress through the Pennsylvania courts, or to argue it before the Supreme Court; though it might have been intended, that the commissioner, after making the necessary arrangement for that purpose, should continue his services as counsel for the State.

Mr. Meredith has discharged his duty as Commissioner with ability and zeal, and it is for the Legislature to decide what compensation he ought to receive for the services already performed; and to make further provision for bringing the case to a final decision. I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
WM. GRASON.

By the Senate, January 15*th*, 1840.

Read and referred to the House of Delegates.

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

Also, the following:

January 14*th*, 1840.

Gentlemen of the Senate
and House of Delegates:

I send herewith a communication from the Topographical Engineer. In reference to the inquiry which he has made, as to the extent of the manufacture of iron, in this State, I have informed