

Mr. Frazier, chairman of the committee on divorces, reported a bill, entitled an act to divorce Sarah Martin, of the city of Baltimore, from her husband, William Martin, a mensa et thoro;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Martin,

The house proceeded to the consideration of the orders of the day.

The first order of the day being the bill from the Senate, entitled an act to give to the Chancellor and county courts, as courts of equity, jurisdiction in cases of divorces, and the amendment reported thereto from the committee on divorces.

The amendment having been read the second time and assented to,

Mr. England moved to amend said bill, by striking out, in the 2d section, 8th line, the word "and," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "or;"

Determined in the negative;

Mr. Martin moved to amend said section, by striking out from the word "adultery," in the 7th line, to the end thereof;

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Frazier moved to amend said section, by striking out in the 8th line the word "State," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "husband or wife;"

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Lynch,

Said bill was amended, by striking out the 2d section thereof.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Lynch,

Said bill was further amended, by striking out in the 3d section, these words: "upon such petitions as aforesaid divorces a mensa et thoro may be decreed, for the following causes, to wit: first, cruelty of treatment; secondly, excessively vicious conduct; thirdly, abandonment and desertion, and."

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Somerset,

Said section was further amended, by striking out these words, "under the provisions of this act."

On motion of Mr. E. A. Lynch,

Said bill was further amended, by striking out the 4th and 5th sections of said bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That, if upon any petition for a divorce to the Chancellor, the facts are disputed, either party may require an issue or issues to be framed and sent to a county court for trial; and such proceedings shall be had as are had in cases where issues are sent from an orphans' court to a court of law for trial.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That when a petition for a divorce is pending in any county court, as a court of equity, either party may require an issue or issues to be framed, and tried by a jury in such county court; and such county court shall pass such orders and