

adopt such proceedings as may be necessary to try fairly such issues by a jury.

The said bill having been read through as amended, was placed in the hands of the chair.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Lynch,

Said bill was withdrawn from the hands of the chair for the purpose of amendment.

Mr. E. A. Lynch then moved further to amend said bill, by adding at the end thereof, as an additional section, the following:

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That in all cases of adultery, on the part of the wife, or elopement with an adulterer, the said Chancellor or county courts, in their discretion, may grant a divorce a vinculo matrimonii or a mensa et thoro.

Which was read.

Mr. Nicols moved to amend said amendment, by striking out the words "on the part of the wife," and inserting after the word "adulterer," the words "or adultress;"

Resolved in the affirmative,

On motion of Mr. England,

Said amendment was further amended, by inserting after the word "adultress," these words, "impotency at the time of marriage, and notorious abandonment."

The question then recurred and was put upon the amendment as amended; and

Resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill having been read through, as amended, was placed in the hands of the chair.

On motion of Mr. Nicols,

The house was called and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

The house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the door keeper.

Mr. Bowie then submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

*Whereas*, by the annual report of the Treasurer of the Western Shore, to the Legislature, at Dec. Session, 1839; it appears that of the six per cent. Dollar Bonds of this State, amounting to eight millions of Dollars, which were issued in pursuance of ch. 395, of the acts of Dec. Session 1835, and for which five per cent. sterling Bonds of the State have been substituted in pursuance of ch. 386, of the acts of Dec. 1838, there were five and a half millions then in the Western Shore Treasury; and this General Assembly considering it expedient to adopt the said Treasurer's suggestion, that the said Bonds, and also the certificates of the State held by the said Treasurer for the use of the sinking fund should be inspected, counted and destroyed by authority of the Legislature. Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a joint committee of the two Houses, to consist of two members from the