

Mr. Coad submitted the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the Senate:

By the House of Delegates,
December 31, 1840.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

We have received your message, proposing that a joint letter from the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates, be forwarded forthwith to the Hon. John L. Kerr, informing him of his election to the United States Senate, and concur therein.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, clk.

Mr. E. A. Lynch asked and obtained the following leaves:

Leave to bring in a bill to incorporate St. John's Literary Institution of Frederick city;

Which was read and referred to the committee on corporations.

Also, leave to bring in a bill to authorise William Lynch, of Frederick county, to bring into this State, from the State of Virginia, negro boy Chago;

Which was read and referred to the committee on colored population.

On motion of Mr. E. A. Lynch,

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1840.

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

Mr. Gallagher presented the petitions of David Richter, Margaretta White, Margaret Griffith and Levin Jones, of the city of Baltimore, severally praying to be divorced;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Nesbitt presented the petition of Nancy Ann Hughes, praying to be divorced from her husband, Robert H. Hughes; and

Mr. Coombs presented the petition of Margaret Meeks, of Allegany county, praying to be divorced from her husband, Lewis Meeks;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on divorces.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

Ordered, That the committee on ways and means, enquire into the expediency of imposing a tax on brokers and private bankers; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Tuck obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled an act to extend the act to allow Henry L. Coombs, late collector of Prince George's county, further time to complete his collections;