

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time, severally passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Brent, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, made an unfavorable report upon the leave to bring in a bill to secure the right of property to females;

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Brent, from the same committee, to which was referred the order in relation to so amending the laws on the subject of petitions for freedom as to secure the costs incurred in the trial of such petitions, reported that it is inexpedient to interfere with the laws on that subject, and begged to be discharged from the further consideration thereof;

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

Mr. Brent, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of sundry citizens of Queen Anne's county, to drain more effectually the Unicorn Branch, in said county;

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Holmes, from the committee on divorces, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Susan Houx, praying to be divorced from her husband David F. Houx; and

Mr. William Lynch, from the same committee, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Rebecca Wood, praying to be divorced from her husband, Henry H. Wood;

Which were severally read the first and by a special order the second time, and severally concurred in.

Mr. Le Grand reported a bill, entitled an act to provide for the destruction of the notes of insolvent banks in certain cases; and

Mr. Coade reported a bill, entitled an act for the relief of Thomas Ashcom, of Queen Anne's county,

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

Mr. Coad reported a bill, entitled an act to authorised the commissioners for St. Mary's county to repair the public jail; and,

Mr. Wills reported a bill, entitled an act to appoint a board of commissioners for the town of Oxford, in Talbot county;

Which were severally read the first, and by a special order the second time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

The house took up for consideration the bill reported by Mr. Morton, from the committee on divorces, entitled an act to divorce Catharine Peddicord, of Baltimore city, from her husband, Joseph Peddicord, a mensa et thoro.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Said bill was amended, by striking out the words "a mensa et thoro," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "a vinculo matrimonii;"

The said bill was then read the second time as amended and passed.