

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1841.

The house met. Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Heard, Coad, Causin, Welch of Kent, Edes, Gantt, Estep, Dorsey, Weems, Brent, Orrick, Welch of Baltimore county, Randall, Willis, Parsons, Rider, Jones of Somerset, Williams, Keene, Frazier, Morton, Simcoe, Maxwell, Tuck, Maccubbin, Brewer, George, Forman, Hearn, Cathell, Hooper, Richardson, Motter, Wm. Lynch, E. A. Lynch, Naill, Sutton, Whiteford, Nicols, Sullivan, Presstman, Seidenstricker, Le Grand, Nesbitt, West, Zeigler, Claggett, England, Gaither, Gittings, Gott, Sprigg of Allegany, Coombs, Thayer, Shower, Boyle, Lecompte, Stull.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Presstman presented the memorial of the President, Directors, &c., of the Farmers' and Planters' Bank of Baltimore, praying that the capital stock of said bank may be limited to the amount now subscribed and be released from the bonus on the amount which has not been subscribed;

Which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Presstman also presented the petition of Henry Elliott, praying for a divorce from his wife, Celeste Elliott;

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Dorsey presented the petition of sundry citizens of Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Prince George's counties, praying to have a free bridge over the Patapsco river at Elk Ridge Landing;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Dorsey, Bowie, Orrick, Estep, Poultney, Maccubbin, and Gantt; and

Mr. Lecompte presented the petition of sundry citizens of Carroll county, praying the passage of a law authorising a lottery for the benefit of the town of Westminster, in said county;

Which was read and referred to the committee on lotteries.

Mr. Lecompte obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled an act for the better promotion of the purity of elections and for the punishment of offences against the election laws of this State, and more especially for defining and punishing bribery;

Ordered, that Messrs. Lecompte, Causin, Willis, Jones of Som., and Gaither, report the same.

Mr. Welch, of Baltimore county, submitted the following resolution :

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in the annual distribution of the laws and votes and proceedings, of the General Assembly, the county commissioners, levy courts, or commissioners of tax, of the respective counties, as the case may be, shall be entitled to receive one copy each of said laws and proceedings;*

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time;