

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

Mr. Nesbitt presented the petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying legislative action with regard to hawkers and pedlars;

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

Mr. Nesbitt also presented the petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying the abolishment of magistrates' courts, and to extend the jurisdiction of single justices;

Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. E. A. Lynch presented the petition of George Patterson, R. D. Hewitt, Eli Hewitt, William Baer, A Brown and others, trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Carroll county, praying leave to amend their constitution, and for other purposes;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. E. A. Lynch, Boyle and Stull.

Mr. Rider presented the petition of Isaac Nichols, of Salisbury, praying the passage of an act to authorise him to record a deed, and for other purposes;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Rider, Jones of Somerset, and Parsons.

On motion of Mr. Coad,

Ordered, That it be entered on the journal that the absence of Colonel Heard, of St. Mary's county, from his seat for the last four or five days, has been occasioned by indisposition.

Mr. Sprigg of Allegany, submitted the following order:

Ordered, That his excellency the Governor be requested to furnish this house with all communications to him in relation to the pardon of certain individuals who were convicted at the October term 1839, of Allegany county court of participating in the recent riots on the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, and upon which were predicated his reasons for the pardon granted;

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

Said order was amended by inserting after the word "house," the following:

"If in his opinion it be not incompatible with the public interests."

The said order was then read the second time as amended, and adopted.

Mr. Maxwell obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled a supplement to an act, entitled an act in aid of the construction of an outlet lock of the Tide Water canal at Bell's Ferry, in Harford county, immediately opposite Port Deposit, in Cecil county, passed at December session 1839, ch. 234; and also the act of 1838, ch. 416, entitled an act to ensure the completion of the Susquehanna Canal and of the Tide Water Canal;