

tled an act to provide for the discharge of debtors from custody, except in certain cases therein mentioned;"

Resolved in the affirmative

Mr. Gaither moved that the house adjourn;

Mr. Le Graud called for the yeas and nays on amending the title of the bill;

Which motion the Speaker decided not to be in order, as the decision of the chair had been announced, and the motion to adjourn previously made before the call was made.

The question was then put on the motion to adjourn; and

Resolved in the affirmative.

And the house accordingly adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1841.

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

Messrs. Coad, Causin, Welch of Kent, Edes, Gantt, Estep, Dalrymple, Weems, Bowling, Brent, Holmes, Poultney, Orrick, Welsh of Baltimore county, Martin, Lowe, Willis, Parsons, Rider, Jones of Somerset, Williams, Frazier, Tall, Morton, Maxwell, Maccubbin, Brewer, Ford, Paca, Forman, Hearn, Cathell, Hooper, Richardson, Motter, Naill, Hope, Whiteford, Nicols, Orrell, Sullivan, Gallagher, Graves, Presstman, Seidenstricker, Le Grand, Nesbitt, Weast, Zeigler, Claggett, England, Gaither, Gott, Sprigg of Allegany, Coombs, Thayer, Boyle, Stull.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Hooper presented the petition of sundry citizens of Worcester county, praying the repeal of the law under which the present Geologist is appointed, and that the State may be divided into two Geological districts to be denominated the western and eastern districts, and a geologist appointed for each;

Which was read and referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Nesbitt presented the petition of 81 citizens of Washington county, praying legislative action against hawkers and pedlars;

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

Mr. Holmes presented the report of the trustees of St. James Academy in Baltimore county, relative to the condition of said institution;

Which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Gaither submitted the following message, which was read, assented to and sent to the senate;