

The bill reported by Mr. Tuck, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, entitled a further supplement to the act enlarging the powers of the High Court of Chancery, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Gantt reported a bill, entitled an act for the relief of William Pumphrey, of Anne Arundel county;

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

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled an act to incorporate the West River Academy;

Endorsed, "will pass," and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

And delivered the following bills, originated in and passed by the senate, viz.

The bill, entitled a supplement to change the investment of the school fund of Prince George's county;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Tuck, Bowie and Mac-cubbin.

A bill, entitled an act to empower the county court of Queen Anne's county to divide the real estate therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

A bill, entitled an act relative to the banking institutions of the State of Maryland;

Which was read.

Mr. Weast moved that said bill be referred to a select committee of five.

Mr. Gaither moved that said bill be referred to the standing committee on corporations;

Resolved in the affirmative.

And a bill, entitled a supplement to the act, entitled an act to divorce Josephine Hawke, of the city of Annapolis, from her husband, Richard James Hawke, a mensa et thoro;

Which was read; and

On motion of Mr. Paca,

Said bill was read the second time by a special order, passed, and returned to the senate.

The house then proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Bowie, chairman of the committee on ways and means, entitled an act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, and to provide a tax to pay the debts of the State.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

The house was called, and the door-keeper sent for the absent members; who, after a short time had elapsed, returned and reported that, in obedience to order, he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of said bill.

The question before the house being upon the motion of Mr.