

Read and referred to Messrs. Biser, Schley, Staley, Geyer and Simmons.

Mr. Bryan presented the petition of William Pearson of Queen Ann's county, praying to be placed on the pension list of said county;

And the petition of William Camper of said county, praying pecuniary relief;

Severally read, and

Referred to the committee on Pensions to Indigent Persons by County Assessment.

Mr. Carmichael presented the petition of John C. Ruth of Queen Ann's county, praying relief;

Read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

On motion of Mr. Poultney,

Ordered, That when this House adjourns it adjourns to meet at 12 o'clock on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael,

Ordered, That William Rothwell have leave to withdraw his petition and accompanying papers from the files of this House.

On motion of Mr. Sellman,

Ordered, That the committee on the Constitution be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill so to alter and amend the Constitution of this State as to reduce the official term for which senators are elected to four years.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Leave was granted to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice to bring in a bill entitled, an act relating to sheriffs.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Hammand, Buskirk and Sellman to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act for licensing and regulating ordinary keepers, passed at March session 1780, ch. 24.

Mr. Johnson reported a bill entitled, an act concerning the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Rail Road Company;

Read the first time, and

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutton of Kent, from the select committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, an act supplementary to the act passed at December session 1836, ch. 250, entitled, an act to grant to the commissioners of Chestertown a certain lot of ground therein mentioned, reported favorably thereon;

Read the second time by special order, passed and returned to the Senate.

Mr. Graves then moved that the House now take up the order of the day;

On the question being put, It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Morsell then moved that the unfinished business of yester-