

Read and referred to Messrs. Owens of Anne Arundel, Sellman, Dorsey and Hammond.

On motion of Mr. Boyle,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Boyle, Stull, Davis and Powder to bring in a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Union Academy in Carroll county.

Mr. Dashiell, from the select committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, an act for the better regulation of fences in Somerset county and for other purposes, reported the same without amendment;

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

Mr. Spencer reported a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of Assembly therein mentioned;

And a bill entitled, an act to extend the time for making collections by Christian Shepherd, late collector of Washington county;

Severally read the first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Tuck submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly, that an expedition of traders from Texas to Mexico, was captured and made prisoners at Santa Fe, and are now held in captivity by the government of Mexico; and whereas, it is further represented that John T. Howard, a citizen of Maryland, and others, citizens of other States, accompanied said expedition, and it is the duty of the government of the United States to extend to its citizens under all circumstances such relief and protection as it is within its competency to grant—Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That His Excellency the President of the United States, be requested to use such means as the constitution of the United States, and the public law of nations may authorise, for ameliorating the condition of the persons captured as aforesaid, and especially for the purpose of protecting and demanding such citizens of the United States, as may have accompanied said expedition.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor, be requested to cause a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, to be forwarded to the President of the United States, and also to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Which were read, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Graves presented the petition of Emeline A. Bennet, asking to be divorced from her husband William H. Bennet;

Read and referred to the committee on Divorces.

Mr. Johns presented the petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, in relation to the suspension of specie payments by the banks;

Read and referred to the consideration of the Senate.