

On the question being put,

Will the house accept the said substitute?

Determined in the affirmative.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the said order, and on being put, it was

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Powell,

Leave was granted to the committee on the Constitution to bring in a bill entitled, an act to alter the Constitution, so as to reduce the number of members of the legislature.

On motion of Mr. Dashiell,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Dashiell, Handy, Stone and Boggs, to bring in a bill to authorise the commissioners of Somerset county, to provide a house for holding the elections in Tyaskin Election District in said county.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Dorsey, Sellman, Owens of Anne Arundel and Hammond, to bring in a bill to grant to John Spear, collector of the 2nd collection district of Anne Arundel county, further time to complete his collections.

The rule being suspended,

Mr. Buchanan presented two petitions from sundry citizens of the Old Town and Western Port Election Districts in Allegany county, praying that the funds of the State now given to the Academy in Cumberland, be transferred to the Common School Fund of said county;

Read and referred to Messrs. Buchanan, Shaw and Buskirk.

Mr. Sherwood reported a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Mercantile Library Association of the city of Baltimore;

Read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Biser,

Referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Forwood reported a bill entitled, an act to make valid instruments of writing acknowledged before and judgments rendered by William Haines, Esq. one of the justices of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Cecil county;

Read the first, and by special order the second time;

Mr. Pressman moved to refer the said bill to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice,

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the passage of said bill,

And on being put, it was determined in the affirmative;

And sent to the senate.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of certain citizens of the State of Maryland and contractors upon the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, praying the passage of a law making provision for paying the contractors and redeeming the scrip of the Canal Company;

Read and referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

Mr. Cathell reported a bill entitled, a supplement to an act for