

Which was read.

Mr. Phelps moved to refer said petition to the committee on Divorces, with instructions to make a report, that in as much as ample remedy is furnished by the courts in such cases, that it is not advisable for the legislature to exercise special jurisdiction thereon ;

Mr. Johnson offered as a substitute for said motion, the following :

Ordered, That the petition and accompanying papers be referred to the committee on Divorces, with instructions to report to the House, whether the act of Assembly giving jurisdiction to the courts of equity covers this case, and if it does, then this House deems it inexpedient to interfere.

Ordered, That a similar direction be given to the petition of Frances H. Horton.

Which was read.

On the question being put,

"Will the House accept the substitute?"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said order was then adopted.

Mr. Carey presented the memorial of the President and Directors of the Franklin Bank of Baltimore, for a reduction of the number of directors in said bank ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Polk presented the petition of the Baltimore and Havre de Grace Turnpike Company, praying the passage of a law authorising an alteration of the route of said road at a certain point in Harford county ;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Polk, Yellott, Hopkins and Stephenson.

Mr. Phelps presented the report of the trustees of the Cambridge academy, in Dorchester county ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Hollman presented the petition of Captain James A. Magruder, and others, praying that the legislature grant them twenty five powder flasks, fifty knapsacks and as many tents as is usually furnished to uniform companies ;

Which was read and referred to the committee on the Militia.

Mr. Warfield presented four petitions of sundry citizens of Howard District, remonstrating against the passage of a law, authorising a loan of twelve thousand dollars, to erect certain public buildings, and against any further levy for free schools in said district ;

Which were severally read and referred to the consideration of the Senate.

Mr. Warfield also, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Howard district, praying that said district may be erected into a county, with all the rights, privileges and immunities of other counties of this State ;

Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.