

On motion of Mr. Welsh,

Leave was granted Messrs. Welsh, Poultney, Walker, Stansbury of Baltimore county and Carroll, to bring in a bill to change the system of distributing the school fund in Baltimore county.

On motion of Mr. Hammill,

Leave was granted Messrs. Hammill, Fitzpatrick, Smith and McKaig, to bring in a bill entitled, an act to amend an act passed at December session 1842, chapter 180, entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from some point on the national road at or west of the town of Cumberland, thence by the nearest and most practical rout through any part of Allegany county, so as to intersect the North Western Turnpike Road of Virginia.

Mr. Smith submitted the following order:

Ordered, That no member of this House, shall be permitted to speak on any subject, "except the order of the day," more than thirty minutes.

Which was twice read.

On motion of Mr. Yellott,

Said order was amended by striking out the words "except the order of the day."

The said order was adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The House took up for consideration the bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Barrellville Mining Company.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Said bill was recommitted to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Johnson submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, it appears to this General Assembly that Commander William J. Belt of Prince George's county, was dismissed from the Naval Service of the United States, by the sentence of a Court Martial in the year 1842, after having received in the defence of his country many and severe wounds, and subjected to numerous privations and sufferings.

And it further appearing to this General Assembly by the testimony of several officers of the Navy, that the said Commander William J. Belt up to the period of the accusation against him deservedly enjoyed the reputation of a faithful, gallant and accomplished officer, and that his dismissal from the service of his country is sincerely regretted by them.

And it further appearing, that the said William J. Belt since the aforesaid sentence, has by his exemplary life, won for himself the esteem, confidence and affection of his neighbors, and friends effacing thereby the slight shade which that sentence threw upon his character, and this General Assembly considering him under all the circumstances a fit object for the favorable interposition of the Executive, and being desirous as far as may be becoming, to rescue a gallant son of the State, from the consequences of a judgment so much to be regretted.