

On motion of Mr. Shriver,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Shriver, Buckey, Lynch, Thomas of Frederick and Nail, to bring in a bill to make valid the acts of John B. Gilbert, of Frederick county, as a justice of the peace.

On motion of Mr. Yellott,

Leave was granted to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to bring in a bill to make valid a deed from William M. Maynadier, of Harford county, to James L. Dallam of the State of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

Ordered, That the committee on Military Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be directed to enquire into the expediency of placing Mary McCracken, widow of James McCracken, a soldier of the revolution, on the pension roll of Maryland.

The Clerk of the Senate delivered a bill originated in and passed by the Senate entitled, an act to make valid a certain deed of conveyance therein mentioned ;

Which was read, and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, and

The following letter from the Honorable James A. Pearce :

*To the Honorable Richard Thomas,*

*President of the Senate of Maryland, and*

*The Honorable W. H. Watson,*

*Speaker of the House of Delegates :*

*Gentlemen :—*I have the honor to acknowledge your joint letter, informing me that I have been elected by the General Assembly of Maryland, to represent the State in the Senate of the United States, for six years from the 4th day of March last.

I receive with deep sensibility this testimony of the confidence of the legislature, which I shall endeavor to justify by a faithful devotion to the duties of the important and responsible station, to which they have called me.

I am gentleman,

With great consideration, yours &c.,

J. A. PEARCE.

Chestertown, January 1, 1844.

Which was read.

Mr. McKaig reported a bill entitled, an act giving further time to Thomas Dowden, late sheriff of Allegany county, to complete his collections ;

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. McKaig ;

Read a second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Lynch from the select committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled an act to authorise the trustees of school district No. 30, in Frederick county, to sell and convey the old school house therein, reported the same without amendment ;