

Mr. Grubb has leave of absence for a few days.

Mr. Williams presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for the repeal of all laws that authorise and compel sheriffs to collect officers fees; referred to Messrs. Williams, Gilpin, Sewell, Stevens and Tyson.

Mr. Arnold E. Jones presents a petition from Benjamin Dashiell, of Somerset county, security for George Dashiell; referred to the committee on the same subject.

Mr. Teackle presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying to be authorised to excavate a canal in the said county; referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from a number of citizens of Baltimore, praying for the redress of certain grievances; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Howard and Williams.

Mr. Speed presents a petition from Alley Parker, praying for support; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Kennedy presents a petition from Elizabeth Hammond, of Washington county, praying for a divorce; referred to the standing committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from the members of the "Patapsco Fire Company," praying to be incorporated; referred to Messrs. Tyson, McCulloh and Howard.

The speaker laid before the house a communication relative to the late election in Somerset county, from the sheriff thereof; referred to the committee on elections and privileges.

Also a communication from the lottery commissioners; referred to the committee of ways and means.

Also a communication from the directors of the penitentiary under an order of this house; referred to the committee on the penitentiary.

And a letter from the same directors, praying an examination into their conduct; referred to the same committee.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to consider and report, without delay, to this house, their opinion as to the expediency of either dismissing the suit now pending in the supreme court of the United States, The State against Alexander Brown, and others, or employing counsel on the part of the state, to aid the attorney-general in the prosecution of the said suit.

Mr. Kennedy presents a petition from John Bond; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, delivers the following report:

The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Anne Coward, of the city of Baltimore, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—that they are of opinion, that she is not entitled to a pension; they therefore recommend, that she have leave to withdraw her petition.

By order,

Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

Which was concurred with.

Also the following:

The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Agnes M. Tannehill, widow of the late