

members and officers of this general assembly will wear the usual mourning for thirty days.

Resolved unanimously, That the members and officers of this general assembly, will assemble to-morrow after two o'clock, P. M. in the hall of the house of delegates, to move in a body to attend the funeral service and burial of the deceased.

Mr. Millard delivers the following report, which was twice read and concurred with:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Margaret Wolfender, of the city of Baltimore, beg leave to report—That they have taken her case into consideration, and are of opinion that it is not necessary to pass any act upon the subject, as the petitioner states, that James Wood, whom she supposed she married was, at the time the ceremony was performed, a married man. They therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

By order,

Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

Mr. Howard obtained leave to bring in a bill entitled, A further supplement to the act declaring what shall be evidence in certain cases therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs Howard, Speed and Maxcy, report the same.

The bill to provide for the more comfortable maintenance of sick persons confined in the several jails of this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Ridout delivers the following report:

The committee who were instructed "to inquire into the propriety of altering and amending the charter of the University of Maryland," beg leave to report in part—That in the progress of their deliberations, some modifications of the charter have occurred to them as likely to advance the cause of science, and promote the interests of the institution. The information, however, at present possessed by the committee, would not justify them in forming a decisive opinion with regard to the propriety of such modifications, or in suggesting them for the consideration of the house. They cannot, from a mere inspection of the act of incorporation, judge with certainty of its practical effect; nor can such judgment, in the opinion of the committee, be safely formed from the vague and contradictory communications which have been made to the house. Before determining whether the existing charter requires alteration, the legislature ought to know whether the objects designed by the state in granting it have been attained; and if they have in any particular been frustrated, the precise cause of the failure ought to be ascertained in order to enable us to decide on the remedy which it would be proper to apply. It therefore appears indispensable, that direct and unquestionable impartial information, with regard to the present state of the university, should be obtained. The committee have been able to devise no plan by which this end can be so effectually accomplished, as by the appointment of a deputation on the part of the legislature. The gentlemen who may be selected for this service, will examine minutely the actual condition of the university, and particularly of the Medical College which is now in session; they will investigate the correctness of the various statements that have been made to the house; and they will have it in their power in obedience to the order of the house to ascertain the willingness of the regents to assent to any alterations of the charter.

From the facts which would be reported by the deputation, the house would be enabled, with certainty, to decide whether any defects do exist in the present organization of the University of Maryland, and if they do, whether the most appropriate remedy for them would be an alteration of the charter, or the establishment of a Rival Medical College in the city of Baltimore. The committee therefore respectfully recommend, that it be proposed to the senate to appoint a joint committee of the two houses, whose duty it shall be to visit the University of Maryland, and report to this house all the information they can obtain with regard to its condition, and also to ascertain whether the regents would be willing to assent to any modification of the charter of the University.