

Mr. B. I. Jones presents a petition from George Dashiell, late sheriff of Somerset county, praying relief; referred to Messrs. B. I. Jones, Teackle and A. E. Jones.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying the donations may be withdrawn from the West Nottingham and Elkton Academies; referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Hopper presents a petition from John S. Blake, late sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, praying for relief; referred to Messrs. Hopper, Hughlett and Ridgaway.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from Samuel R. Smith, of the city of Baltimore, relative to his tobacco warehouse; referred to the committee on his petition.

Mr. A. E. Jones presents a petition from sundry citizens of the first election district of Somerset county, praying a law dividing the same may not be confirmed. Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from Hannah Bodette, praying relief; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Thomas and Howard.

On motion by Mr. Tyson, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the governor be authorized and required, as early as practicable, to contract for the pavement of the shortest and most convenient footway, between the state house and the government house, and for the completion of the same within the earliest possible period, provided the expense of the same shall not exceed ——— dollars.

On the second reading of the leave relative to authorising county courts to grant divorces, Mr. Speed moved to insert "sitting as courts of equity," after the words "county courts?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The leave was then granted. Ordered, That Messrs. Millard, Kennedy and Speed, report the same.

Mr. B. I. Jones delivers the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That further proceedings in Somerset county court against Charles Jones, late sheriff of the said county, on account of defaults entered against him, in two cases against George Dashiell, the former sheriff, and his securities, be suspended until the first day of January next, and that the extra interest of nine per centum be suspended, upon the punctual payment of the said claims, on or before the said first day of January next.

Which was read.

Mr. M'Culloh obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the more speedy foreclosure of mortgages, and recovery of money loaned upon the hypothecation of real estate. Ordered, That Messrs. M'Culloh, Tyson, Speed, Howard and Cockey, report the same.

Mr. Shower obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, A supplement to an act for the establishment and regulation of levy courts in the several counties of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Shower, M'Culloh and Worthington, report the same.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to impose a duty on sales at auction, and to provide for the appointment of auctioneers by the governor and council. Ordered, That Messrs. Barnes, Howard, Teackle, Speed and M'Culloh, report the same.

Mr. M'Culloh obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act in relation to the recording of deeds and mortgages. Ordered, That Messrs. M'Culloh, Tyson and Howard, report the same.