

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Townsend, of Worcester, obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to provide for building a public bridge over Dividing creek, at a place called 'Denston's dams, on the public road leading from Princess Anne, in Somerset county, to Snow Hill, in Worcester county,

Ordered, that Messrs. Townsend, of Worcester, Handy, and Crisfield, report the same.

Mr. Tuck, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to regulate the manner of taking testimony in cases in equity,

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Tuck, referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Crisfield, obtained leave to bring in a bill, to alter the time of holding the fall term of the courts in the several counties of the Fourth Judicial District,

Ordered, that Messrs. Crisfield, Keene and Handy, report the same.

On motion of Mr. Simmons,

Ordered, that the committee on corporations, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of passing a general law for granting charters to joint stock companies, and all associations of individuals, wishing the same, in which the State will have no direct interest, and that they report the result of their enquiries, by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Brengle, chairman of the committee on internal improvement, to which was referred the bill from the senate, entitled, an act to authorise the Franklin Rail Road Company, incorporated by the State of Pennsylvania, to extend their works within the limits of the State of Maryland, reported the same without amendment;

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Hood, reported a bill, entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties.

Mr. Boyd, from the committee on Divorces, reported a bill, entitled, an act to divorce Elizabeth Bomgardner, of Frederick county, from her husband, Henry Bomgardner.

Mr. Gough, reported a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act authorising persons holding real estate in fee simple, to construct wharves on any of the navigable waters of this State, passed at December session 1835, ch. 68,—And,

Mr. Crisfield, from the committee on ways and means,