

law relative to the duties of constables and for other purposes;

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. McLean, presented a memorial of Pardon Davis, recommended by sundry citizens of the city of Baltimore, praying the assistance of the State, to establish a silk estate or farm for the culture thereof by means of a lottery;

And Mr. Ely, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Baltimore county, praying the establishment of agricultural schools and pattern farms in this State;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on agriculture.

And, Mr. Bowlus, presented a petition of John Jacobs, of Frederick county, praying to be divorced from his wife Christiana Jacobs;

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces;

On motion of Mr. McDaniel,

Ordered, that the petition of Isaac Bull, of Kent county, praying for a law for the purpose therein mentioned, referred on yesterday to a select committee, be withdrawn from said committee and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Hicks, moved to suspend the rule of the house for the purpose of taking up the amendments proposed by the senate, to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland;

On the question being put, will the house suspend the rule requiring two thirds to take up said bill;

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Ely,

The house was called and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members;

On motion of Mr. Carpinter,

The house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session, during the absence of the doorkeeper;

Mr. Handy, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, delivered the following report.

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred an order to enquire into the expediency of abolishing imprisonment for debt, after a given period, in all cases where fraud is not clearly made manifest, have given to the subject all the consideration which the great press of business and the limited time allowed them