

upon the legal rights of individuals, & to decide upon ex parte, and often incorrect state ments.

But evils of still greater magnitude would ensue, from granting the present application. If the devisee is entitled to the property independent of the existence of the will, the confirmation of the will by the legislature, could not make his right more secure—but if not, the property has become vested in others; and to validate the will, would be to divest, vested rights. Your committee are sure, no argument is necessary to establish the impropriety or injustice of such an act.

Therefore, deeming the prayer of the petitioner unreasonable, they think it should not be granted, and beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted,  
Gordon M. Handy, from  
Committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Carpinter, chairman of the committee on divorces, made an unfavourable report upon the petition of Rebecca Wharton, praying to be divorced from her husband James Wharton;

Which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Iglehart, chairman of the committee on claims, delivered the following report.

The committee on claims to whom was referred the petition of David Dudderar, of Frederick county, praying indemnity from the State, for loss sustained in consequence of the destruction of his property, by fire communicated by an incendiary, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that it is not a case, for which indemnity ought to be asked of the State, they therefore pray to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the said David Dudderar, have leave to withdraw his petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted,  
Leonard Iglehart, Chair'n.

By Order,  
Jos. C. Talbott, Clk.

Which was read the first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Gough, from the select committee, delivered the following report.