

Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, reported the following orders, which were twice read and adopted,—

Ordered, that the commissioners appointed under the provisions of the act of the General Assembly, entitled, an act for the promotion of internal improvement, passed at the adjourned May session, 1836, chapter 395, be and they are hereby required to suspend all further proceedings in execution of the contract entered into between the said commissioners and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, for the sale or transfer to the said companies respectively, of the portions of the public stock which is by the aforesaid act authorised to be issued and sold by the said commissioners.

Ordered, that the said commissioners be and they are hereby directed to make an immediate report to this house of all their proceedings in execution of the trusts reposed in them by the aforesaid act, and that the said commissioners enter into no further or other contract or agreement for sale of any portion of the public stock, authorised to be created and sold as aforesaid, until further action is had on the subject by this house.

Mr. Alexander submitted the following order, which was twice read and adopted,—

Ordered, that the Governor and Council be, and they are hereby requested to furnish to this house all documents, or copies of all documents, which have been filed in the council chamber in virtue of or in consequence of the provisions of the act of the General Assembly, entitled, an act for the promotion of internal improvement, passed at the adjourned May session, 1836, chapter 365, and that they report such other information in their power which may enable this house to determine whether this State is, in law or equity, bound by any subscription to the capital stock of any one or more of the improvement companies mentioned in said act under color of the provisions thereof; and whether the said act or any part thereof may be carefully repealed or modified by this General Assembly.

Mr. McDaniel obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to amend the act, entitled, an act establishing Magistrate's courts in the several counties in this State, passed December session, 1835;

Ordered, that Messrs. McDaniel, Gale and Harrison report the same.

Mr. Ford obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act supplemental to an act, entitled, an act for the relief of the Poor in Saint Mary's county, passed at November session, 1773, chap. 18.

Ordered, that Messrs. Ford, Causin and Crane report the same.

Mr. Adams obtained leave to bring in a bill to alter and amend the act, entitled, an act to establish Magistrate's courts in the several counties of this State, and to prescribe their jurisdiction, so far as the same relates to Somerset county;

Ordered, that Messrs. Adams, Carroll and Lemmon report the same.

Mr. Biser obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend an act, entitled, an act to establish Magistrate's courts in