

On motion of Mr. Roberts, the house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the doorkeeper.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, the house took up for consideration the bill reported by Mr. Risteau, entitled, an act to divorce William Start, of Queen Anne's county, from his wife Catharine Start.

Mr. Carpinter moved to amend said bill by striking out the words "a vinculo matrimonii," and inserting in lieu thereof "a mensa et thoro,"

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, said bill was amended by adding at the end thereof, as an additional section, the following—

"And be it enacted, That the said Catharine Start shall not be entitled to dower, or interest of any kind in the real or personal estate of the said William Start, and that no part of her property now acquired, or which she shall hereafter acquire, shall be subject to any claim of her said husband."

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, and passed.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, an act for the relief of Reuben Tall, former sheriff and collector of Dorchester county;

Also, the bill, entitled, a further additional supplement to the act, entitled, an act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout this State;

Also, the bill, entitled, an act relating to the distribution of the poor school fund in Cecil county;

Also, the bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout this State, passed at December session 1825, ch. 162, so far as relates to Dorchester county;

Also, the bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to regulate gates in Kent county, passed May session 1836, ch. 357;

Also, the bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of Samuel G. Holbrook, of Somerset county;

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to authorise Thomas W. Overly to introduce certain slaves into this State from the State of Virginia,

Severally endorsed, "will pass," and the bills severally ordered to be engrossed;

Also, the bill, entitled, a further supplement to an act, entitled, a supplement to an act relating to free negroes and slaves, endorsed, "will not pass;"

Also, the resolution in favor of Esther T. Burroughs and Martha Kelly,—severally endorsed, "dissented from;"

Also, the resolution in favor of Christopher Lambert and Margaret Lee;

Also, the resolution in favor of Milton Hill Academy, in Charles county;

Also, the resolution relative to Washington Academy and Franklin School, in Somerset county;

Severally endorsed, "assented to," and ordered to be engrossed.