

the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the doorkeeper.

The bill reported by Mr. Simmons, entitled, an act to incorporate the Real Estate Bank of the State of Maryland;

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter, said bill was referred to the consideration of the next General Assembly.

The bill reported by Mr. White, entitled, an act to abolish public executions,

Was taken up for consideration—and

On his motion, said bill was referred to the consideration of the next General Assembly.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Williams, entitled, an act to extend the rights of married women;

On motion of Mr. Williams, said bill was amended by adding at the end thereof, the following proviso:

Provided always, the wife shall, after having been privately examined by the witnesses thereto, apart and out of the presence and hearing of the husband, whether she doth make the said will freely and voluntarily, and without being induced thereto by fear of or threats of ill usage by her said husband, say she does make them willingly and freely.

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

The doorkeeper having returned, reported that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of the bill reported by Mr. Sprigg, chairman of the committee on internal improvement, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act for the promotion of internal improvement;

The question before the house, being upon the motion of Mr. Duke, to refer said bill to the consideration of the next General Assembly;

Mr. Carroll called for the previous question, that is—shall the main question be now put?

And it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Giles moved to amend said bill by adding at the end of the 3d section thereof, the following—

Provided however, that before any payment shall be made by the treasurer to the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, the State's directors shall file a certificate under oath with the treasurer, that with the funds of any subscriptions to said company, that they may then have from States, corporations or individuals, the said company have an amount bona fide subscribed or loaned, sufficient to complete their road to the Ohio river, according to the latest estimates and surveys which may be submitted to them by their engineers under oath; and provided also, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed