

Ordered, that the committee on the currency be instructed to enquire into the propriety of requiring the banks of this State to resume specie payments on or before the first day of May next, and to report to this house by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Orrick,

Ordered that the committee on public buildings be instructed to enquire into the propriety of having a footway substantially paved from the front door of the State House to the front gate of the premises

On motion of Mr. Carpenter,

Ordered, that the petition and accompanying papers of Martha Turner, formerly of Charles county, and also the counter petition of Edward Turner of said county, presented at the last session of the General Assembly, be withdrawn from the files of this house, and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. Blocher,

Ordered, that the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of redeeming a certain amount of continental money, issued by order of a resolution, passed by the Convention of Maryland in the years 1775 and 1776, and paid to John Stoyer, for services rendered as a private soldier during the revolutionary war, with legal interest thereon.

Mr. Kerr obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to remove the present disabilities under the common law, and the statutory provisions of this State, in reference to the property and individual rights of married women;

Ordered, That Messrs. Kerr, Alexander, Maulsby, Giles, and Carroll, report the same.

Mr. McDaniel from the committee on corporations, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled, an act further to continue an act, passed at November session, 1795, entitled an act to incorporate the Maryland Insurance company; reported the same without amendment;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. McDaniel from the committee on corporations, also reported a bill entitled, an act, to incorporate the order of United Brothers of Baltimore;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Risteau, chairman of the committee on divorces, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of James J. Pattison, of the city Baltimore, praying to be divorced from his wife Eleanor Pattison, and the petition of Susan McGinnis, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be divorced from her husband, Patrick McGinnis;

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Risteau, chairman of the committee on divorces, made a favorable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, an act, to divorce William Harris, of Talbot county, from his wife Elizabeth L. Harris;