

Mr. Hambleton from the committee on divorces, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to divorce Col. Benjamin Smith of Cecil county, from his wife Rebecca Smith, reported that the committee were of opinion it ought not to pass.

It was read the second time.

Mr. Beckett from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to enable James S. Morsell, junr. of Calvert county, to collect certain fees due the estate of William S. Morsell, deceased, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second and by special order the third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Jones from the committee on finance, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to impose a tax on Theatrical exhibitions, Circuses, travelling Menageries and public Shows of every description within this state, reported that the committee were of opinion it ought not to pass.

It was read the second and by special order the third time, rejected and returned to the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. Tidball,

The bill entitled, an act in relation to the business of Frederick county court, was read the third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The Senate adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock

MONDAY, February 19, 1838.

The Senate met. Present the same Senators as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

On motion of Mr. Cottman,

The report of the joint committee upon the affairs of the Penitentiary, submitted on the 22d of January last, was referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Baltimore and Harford Turnpike company, enclosing an abstract of the accounts of said company,

Which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The President also laid before the Senate a communication from the Treasurer for the Western Shore, transmitting reports from the Trustees of the several colleges, academies and schools in this state,

Which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.