

gent lunatic, wife of Jonah Hipsley; and Ignatius Lyford, an indigent invalid, reported favorably thereon.

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

Mr. Tidball from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to authorise Jane Hutton and Margaret Hutton of the city of Baltimore, to hold, inherit and dispose of real estate, and to be appointed executrixes, administratrixes or guardians, reported favorably thereon.

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

Mr. Hambleton from the committee on finance to which was referred the resolution releasing James Dukes and Giles Hicks of Caroline county, from the payment of certain interest therein mentioned, reported favorably thereon.

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

Mr. Brown presented the petition of Elizabeth Harvey, to be divorced from her husband Joseph Harvey,

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Hambleton from the committee on divorces, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to divorce Samuel Roberts of the city of Baltimore, from his wife Mary Anne Roberts, reported favorably thereon.

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

Mr. Cottman submitted the following preamble and resolutions, Which were read the first time.

By the Senate,

March 9, 1838.

Whereas, the rivers which enter into Tangier sound near Watkins' point, and the waters of Pocomoke bay, are believed to be accessible to ships or vessels of burden, and large quantities of the productions of agriculture, the forests and fisheries are freighted from them; and whereas, during the winter, whilst other sources are closed, the northern and southern cities could be extensively supplied from the convenient and safe harbors of those waters, to the manifest advantage of that section of the country, and the great encouragement of trade and commerce, if it could be clearly ascertained that vessels of considerable draft could enter therein; and whereas, the anticipated construction of the Eastern Shore Rail Road enhances the inducement to the ascertainment of a correct knowledge of the navigation in question, which would be further increased by the contemplated connection between the Pocomoke and Annamessic rivers; and whereas, the removal of obstructions, with a view to increasing the tonnage of the State, and promoting industry and enterprise, are objects of general interest and concernment—Therefore,