

her generous confidence, nor my own zeal for the happiness and prosperity of our beloved country.

I have the honor to be,  
With the highest respect,  
Your Ob't. Serv't.

WM. D. MERRICK.

Mr. Bowie presented the petition of Horatio R. Merryman, for a divorce from the chains of matrimony,

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Jones from the committee on corporations, to which was referred the petition of Howes Goldsborough, and others, reported a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Springfield academy, in Carroll county,

Which was read the first and by special order the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

It was accordingly engrossed, and

On motion of Mr. Jones,

Read the third time by special order, passed and sent to the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

The bill entitled, an act to authorise the clerk of Queen Anne's county, to insert the date of the year of a deed and acknowledgment, was read the third time by special order, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following bills:

A bill entitled, an act securing to mechanics and others, payment for their labor in the erection of any house or other building in Allegany county,

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Tidball, Ricaud and Schley.

A bill entitled, an act to authorise the commissioners of Baltimore county, to appoint Trustees to the Poor,

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Schley, Brown and Jones.

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Ricaud, Goldsborough and Hambleton, to prepare and report a bill to be entitled, an act to incorporate Philip Reed Lodge No. 29 of the order of Independent Odd Fellows, in Chestertown, in Kent county.

The following message, from His Excellency, Governor Veazey, was communicated by the hands of Thomas Culbreth, Esquire, Clerk of the Council,

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