

On motion of Mr. Cottman,

It was ordered, that the committee on finance, be instructed to report to the Senate the period at which all existing Lottery grants will expire; and whether the amount heretofore paid to the University, may not be applied annually in future to the extinguishment of the sum granted from the proceeds of Lotteries, to the Washington monument.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

The bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to amend and reduce into one system the laws to direct descents, was taken up for consideration.

It was read the second time, and

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Amended by adding the following sections:

"Section 4. And be it enacted, That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to oblige the petitioners interested in any return or report of commissioners appointed under the act to which this is a supplement, heretofore made, returned and filed, pursuant to the rules of the county courts to which said returns or reports are made, to proceed under this act, but it shall and may be optional with the petitioners aforesaid, to proceed to the final ratification of said returns or reports, under the rules of the county courts aforesaid, or the provisions of this act.

Section 5. And be it further enacted, That if the publication according to the provisions of this act, be not, in the judgment of the county courts aforesaid, sufficient notice of the proceedings theretofore had in any particular case, it shall and may be lawful for the said courts, to prescribe such other and further notice, not exceeding two months in case all the parties are residents in this state, or eight months if any of the parties are non-residents."

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Hambleton from the committee on divorces, to which was referred the petition of Horatio R. Merryman, reported a bill entitled, an act to divorce Horatio R. Merryman, of the State of Maryland, from his wife Sarah A. Merryman,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Hambleton from the committee on divorces, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to divorce Elijah Brittingham of Worcester county, from his wife Julian Brittingham,

The bill entitled, an act to divorce Lydia Moore of the city of Baltimore, from her husband John Moore,

The bill entitled, an act to divorce Mary Corner of Dorchester county, from her husband Solomon Corner,

The bill entitled, an act to divorce George W. Maxwell of Prince George's county, from his wife Mary Maxwell, and

The bill entitled, an act to divorce James Lynch of Cecil county, from his wife Mary Anne Lynch, reported favorably thereon.