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Mr. Beckett from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to condemn and lay off a lot of ground for a public landing at the Yellow Bank, on the St. Mary's river, in St. Mary's county, and to make public a road therein mentioned, reported favorably thereon.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill entitled, an act to provide for the building of a public bridge over the South East Branch of the Wicomico river, at Salisbury, in Somerset county,

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Cottman, Purnell and Hambleton.

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

The bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Chester Silk Company, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

It was accordingly engrossed, and

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

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

On motion of Mr. Tidball,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Tidball, Cottman and Jones, to prepare and report a bill to be entitled, an act to confirm an act entitled, an act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government, as relates to the division of Washington county into eight separate election districts, and for other purposes.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

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SATURDAY, January 27, 1838.

The Senate met. Present the same Senators as on yesterday, except Mr. Thomas, (President.)

The clerk laid before the Senate a letter from the President, in which he stated that circumstances required his absence from the seat of government for a few days.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

The Senate proceeded to the election of a President pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,—Mr. Ricaud was put in nomination.

The ballot box was prepared and the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof by the clerk, it appeared there had been 9 votes given, all of which were for Mr. Ricaud.