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A WEEKLY REPOSITORY OF DRAMATIC LITERATURE, SPORTING, THE TURF, FASHIONS, AMUSEMENTS, AGRICULTURE, AND

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THIS popular journal, although but a few months since first issued, has already obtained an extensive and profitable subscription list, which is daily increasing, and affords ample encouragement to the publishers to persevere in their efforts to render it useful, amusing, and instructive.

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LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND. HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

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Mr. Willis presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Baltimore and Frederick counties, praying for the passage of a law creating a new county, out of parts of said counties, and for other purposes.

Mr. McLean presented a memorial of Jacob Albert, and others, merchants and others in the city of Baltimore, praying that the Mechanics' Saving Fund Society, may be changed into a Bank.

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On motion of Mr. Wharton, said resolution was referred to the committee on agriculture. The house adjourned.

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Which was read first and second time by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Richardson reported a bill, for the establishment and regulation of the Baltimore City Guards.

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