

cution of the suit now pending in the supreme court of the United States, The State of Maryland vs. Alexander Browne, and others.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and required, to pay to the order of the governor and council, such sum or sums of money as they may deem proper, to compensate such counsel, and to defray all incidental expenses necessarily incurred in the prosecution of the said suit.

Which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, Ordered, That the supplement relative to the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, &c. be the order of the day for the 7th of February.

The bill to authorise Elizabeth Abrams, of Cecil county, to record a deed, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, That the bill to provide for the public instruction of youth throughout this state, be made the order of the day for the 6th of February.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill incorporating the Independent Odd Fellows Society.

On motion by Mr. Cockey, the question was put, That the same be referred to the 1st of June next? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Stevens, the following order was read:

Ordered, That whenever a call of the house takes place for the want of a quorum, the names of the absentees shall be entered on the journal.

Mr. Worthington moved that the same lie on the table. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Tyson presents a petition from Horatio Sherwood, praying a divorce; referred to the standing committee.

Mr. Thomas delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition from the orphans and levy courts of Cecil county, praying that the costs of the prosecution against John Conners the supposed murderer of Evelina Cunningham, may be paid by the state, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report.

That the crime for which the said Conners was indicted, was of such unprecedented enormity, as to excite a general abhorrence throughout the state; that the feelings of the inhabitants of Cecil were much exasperated, and therefore they spared no pains to discover and bring to punishment the wicked monster, who had perpetrated it. That the said Conners was arrested in Virginia, under circumstances that left little doubt that he was the criminal. That in order to give a fair and impartial trial, it was necessary to send for witnesses to the state of Kentucky; that in consequence, the expenses were swelled to an amount, which it would be extremely burdensome to the county of Cecil to pay. And your committee taking into consideration the interest which the whole state must feel in inflicting exemplary punishment upon such enormous offences as the one in question, and that individual counties, where they are committed, may be deterred, from fear of heavy expenses, that in such unusual cases must necessarily be incurred, from using those active exertions which the feelings of humanity, as well as respect for the laws, might dictate, are, after mature deliberation of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and therefore recommend to the adoption of the house, the following resolution:

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