

session as imposes an additional tax of fifty dollars on billiard tables; referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Harlan presents a petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying that the incorporation of Port Deposit may be extended; referred to Messrs. Harlan, Grubb and Thomas.

Mr. McCulloh obtained leave to withdraw the bill relative to the Franklin Academy, for amendment.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to withdraw the bill relative to the flour inspection in the city of Baltimore, for amendment.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill for the relief of Ann Nicola, of Queen-Anne's county, and the bill to authorise aliens to purchase and hold real property in this state, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the following message:

By the Senate, February 11, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message of yesterday, proposing to close "this session on the 1st of March next," and concur therein.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Williams reports a bill repealing such parts of the law as authorise officers fees to be collected by way of execution, as amended. Ordered, That the same be the order of the day for the 16th inst.

Mr. Chapman reports a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the unnecessary accumulation of costs in civil suits. Ordered, That the same be the order of the day for the 17th inst.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act to divorce George Lopperman, and Ann his wife, of the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Harlan delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew R. Porter, late of Cecil county, praying to be released from the payment of taxes due said county as the security of James P. Ewing, beg leave to report—that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted, they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

Wm. H. Emory, Clk.

Mr. Howard delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial from many millers farmers, and other citizens of Washington county, praying that the laws regulating the inspection of flour in the city of Baltimore may be changed, have had the same under consideration, and a minority of said committee beg leave to make the following report:

That there is no subject which is of more general interest to the people of the state, than the laws relating to the inspection of flour, and the principles which regulate the commercial dealings in the article; and the committee have been induced, from this circumstance, to give the matter referred to them that enlarged consideration which alone could enable them to present it fully to the notice of the house. The farmer, the miller, and the shipper, are all deeply concerned in the promotion of the same object, to wit, a high and uniform standard of inspection, which would keep up the character of Maryland flour in foreign ports, and thus enable the shippers, (the competition amongst whom must of course keep up the price,) to give to the farmer and miller that remuneration for their labour, which a steady and active demand in foreign countries can alone justify. In the state of things,