

Tuesday, February 14, 1826.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Farquhar presents a petition from Mary Whitehill, of Frederick county, praying for a divorce a mensa et thoro; referred to the standing committee.

Mr. Stevens delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas Wright, of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report—That they have had the same under their consideration, and recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the judges of Queen-Anne's county court, be and they are hereby directed, to have the suits instituted by the state of Maryland against Thomas Wright, at the last October term in said county, struck off and discontinued, upon the said Thomas Wright paying the costs thereof.

By order,

A. M'Ilhenny, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. M'Culloh presents a petition from Joseph C. Cockey, brigade major and inspector of the 11th brigade of Maryland militia, praying an annual compensation may be allowed to him; referred to the standing committee on the militia.

The resolution in favour of the Catholic church, in Annapolis, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Barnes reports a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the purchase of the office papers formerly belonging to the surveyor's office of Frederick county.

Mr. Sudler reports a bill, entitled, An act relative to the officers of auditor and adjutant-general of this state.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he hereby is authorised and required to subscribe for \_\_\_\_\_ shares of stock in the Frederick and Harper's Ferry Turnpike Road Company; and for stock to the amount of \$5,000 in the company incorporated to make a turnpike road from Rockville, in Montgomery county, to the city of Frederick.

Mr. Banning obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter the mode of keeping the public roads in repair in Talbot county. Ordered, That Messrs. Banning, Millis and Spencer, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Farquhar, Ordered, That the committee on the militia be instructed to examine the situation of the house now used as a magazine, and the state and condition of the public ammunition therein, and report their views as to the propriety of building an Arsenal for the use of the state.

Mr. Shower reports a bill, entitled, An act to elect the justices of the levy courts of the several counties of this state, by the people.

The house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill relative to free negroes.

On motion by Mr. Howard, the "city of Baltimore" was inserted.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the "city of Annapolis" was inserted.

On motion by Mr. Farquhar, the "city of Frederick" was inserted.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the words "on being satisfied of the truth of the same," were inserted before the words "shall issue his warrant."