

Mr. Newcomer presented a petition from Maria Hinton, of Washington county; and Mr. Brown also presented a petition from George Dawson, of Caroline county, each praying a divorce; which were severally referred to the standing committee on that subject.

Mr. Stevens presented a petition from Sarah Bramble, of Queen-Anne's county, praying pecuniary relief; which was referred to the standing committee on that subject.

Mr. Richard Thomas presented a petition from Wilson C. Selden, senior, and Wilson C. Selden, junior, praying permission to introduce slaves into this state; which was read and referred to Messrs Richard Thomas, Gough and Hawkins.

Mr. Tidball and Mr. Fitzhugh each presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, relative to a turnpike road from the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, running through Cave-town, to Hager's-town, in Washington county; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Barnes, Sappington, Tyson, Tidball, Hall, Fitzhugh and Armstrong.

Mr. Brooke presented a petition from James J. Bourne, of Calvert county, praying for the passage of a special law to enable him to complete and carry into effect a certain contract entered into by him and his wife, in her life time, with Nathaniel Dare, as therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Brooke, Mordecai Smith and So merville.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, Ordered, That the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout this state, be referred to the committee on that subject.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, Ordered, That the treasurer of the trustees for the poor of Queen-Anne's county, report forthwith to this house, what portion of the funds placed at the disposal of said trustees for the relief of out pensioners remains in their hands unappropriated.

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

Ordered, That the committee on public instruction be directed to enquire into the expediency of withdrawing the donations from the different academies in this state, and to apply the same to the primary school fund.

Mr. Norris moved to insert therein the words "and colleges" the motion being accepted by Mr. Winchester, and agreed to by the house, the words were accordingly inserted. Mr. Norris also moved to strike out the words "inquire into the expediency of," for the purpose of inserting in lieu thereof, the words "report a bill." Mr. Barnes called for a division of the question, and it was put on striking out? The yeas and nays having been required by seven members, on motion by Mr. Du Val, the question was put to suspend the rule that directs the yeas and nays to be taken on the call of seven members? and determined in