

Mr. Wm. Hall delivers a remonstrance from the commissioners appointed to open the Elk-Ridge church road, counter to the petition of Thomas B. Dorsey and others; which was read and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Hughlett delivers a petition from Nancy Rouse, of Caroline county, praying that the levy court may be authorised to levy a sum of money for her support; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hughlett, Potter and M'Donald.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, *Ordered*, That the account of the Armourer at Annapolis, be referred to Messrs. Dorsey, Bowles and Parnham.

Mr. Sanders delivers a petition from Robert Johnson and William M'Math, of Harford county, praying that a law may pass to confirm the title of William M'Math, to certain lands sold to him by Robert Johnson as executor of William Johnson; which was read and referred to Messrs. Sanders, Forwood, (of William,) and Forwood, (of Jacob.)

On motion by Mr. Wilson, *Ordered*, That the bill entitled, An act to establish an University in the city or precincts of Baltimore, by the name of the University of Maryland, be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Perry delivers a report from the visitors of Allegany county school; which was read and referred to Messrs. Perry, Cresap and M'Culloh.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a petition from the Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, praying a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a Masonic Hall, in the city of Baltimore; which was read and referred to Messrs. Donaldson, Sanders and Waller.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a petition from Solomon Harris, of Dorchester county, an old soldier, praying relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. Lecompte, Griffith and John Stewart.

The speaker laid before the house the report of the clerk of Dorchester county court, relative to the attendance of the judges of that court; which was read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. C. Hall delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Kent county, praying for a road therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. C. Hall, Boyer and Wm. Stuart.

According to the order of the day, the house proceeded to the second reading of the bill entitled, an act annulling the marriage of Jerome Bonaparte, King of Westphalia, and Elizabeth Bonaparte, of the city of Baltimore.

On motion by Mr. Bayly, the question was put, that the following words be stricken out:

"Whereas Elizabeth Bonaparte, of the city of Baltimore, hath set forth by her petition to this General Assembly, that in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, she was united in matrimonial alliance with Jerome Bonaparte; that since that period, her husband departed from this country for France, where on his arrival the marriage between her and the said Jerome was annulled by his holiness the Pope, the head of the Catholic Church, through the influence of his brother the Emperor Napoleon; and the said Jerome has since united himself in marriage with a German Princess, and has been created King of Westphalia, and the said Elizabeth having prayed the aid of this legislature, to dissolve the marriage between her and the said Jerome, and the prayer of the petitioner appearing to be reasonable." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Donaldson, the question was put, that the following words be inserted by way of preamble to the bill:

"Whereas, it appears to this General Assembly, by the petition of Elizabeth Bonaparte, of the city of Baltimore, that in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, she was united in the bonds of matrimony to Jerome Bonaparte; that the said Jerome Bonaparte has since that period deserted her said Elizabeth, and having contrived to procure a dissolution of the said marriage in Europe, has since intermarried with another person; and the said Elizabeth having prayed the aid of this General Assembly, to dissolve the marriage between her and the said Jerome, and the prayer of the said petition appearing reasonable." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

#### AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Millard, Causin, C. Hall, Belt, Wm. Hall, Turner, Stonestreet, Stansbury, Hambleton, Adwell, Banning, Seth, A. E. Jones, Waller, Frey, F. M. Hall, Claude, Wright, Emory, Stevens, Burgess, T. N. Williams, Wilson, Handy, Quinton, Sanders, Forwood, (of Wm.) Forwood, (of Jacob,) M'Donald, Donaldson, Barney, Bowles, Lewis, Wm. Williams, Sprigg, Crabb.—36.

#### NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Plater, Blackistone, Boyer, Marriott, Reynolds, Dorsey, Parnham, Ford, Randall, Bayly, Long, John Stewart, Lecompte, Griffith, Evans, Lusby, Hogg, Somervell, Callis, L. Duvall, Potts, Delaplane, Potter, Hughlett, Abm. Jones, Kilgoor, Riggs, Perry, M'Culloh, Robinett, Cresap—31.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Donaldson, the question was put, that the house reconsider the preamble just adopted. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Donaldson, the question was then put, that the said preamble be stricken out. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

#### AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Plater, Blackistone, Boyer, Wm. Stuart, C. Hall, Wm. Hall, Dorsey, Parnham, Ford, Randall, Bayly, Long, Waller, John Stewart, Lecompte, Griffith, Evans, Lusby, Hogg, Somervell, Claude, L. Duvall, Wright, Stevens, Burgess, T. N. Williams, Handy, Potts, Delaplane, Sanders, Forwood, (of William,) Forwood, (of Jacob,) Potter, M'Donald, Donaldson, Barney, Lewis, Kilgoor, M'Culloh, Robinett, Cresap.—41.

#### NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Millard, Causin, Marriott, Belt, Reynolds, Taney, Turner, Stonestreet, Stansbury, Ham-