

Mr. Harrymen delivers a petition from William Hoffman, and others of Baltimore county, praying that a law may pass to lay out a road from the county road at or near Jacob Sumbargers by said Hoffman's mill. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Harryman, William Stewart and Little.

Mr. McMahon delivers a petition from Christian Smith and Philip Studder, revolutionary soldiers praying compensation for their services. Which was read and referred to Messrs. McMahon, Hilleary and Tomlinson.

Mr. Edward G. Williams delivers a petition from the inhabitants of Williamsport, in Washington county, praying that a law may pass incorporating a company to erect a toll bridge over the river Potomac, which was read and referred to Messrs. Edward G. Williams, Schnebly and Bowles.

The speaker laid before the house a report of the clerk of the court of appeals for the Eastern Shore relative to the attendance of the judges of that court, and reports from the clerks of Anne Arundel, Harford, Frederick, Allegany, Cecil and Dorchester counties, relative to the attendance of the judges of their respective courts, which were severally read and referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Joseph Ireland a delegate returned for Calvert county, appeared, and after having qualified in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking an oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

Mr. Johnson delivers a petition from William Galt, and Ann his wife, late Ann Gibson, widow of Thomas Gibson, late of Frederick county, deceased, and Henry G. Waters, and Eliza his wife, praying that a law may pass authorising the sale of the real estate of Thomas Gibson. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Howard and Taney.

Mr. Johnson delivers a petition from Martha Graham of Frederick county, praying a divorce. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Taney and Thomas.

Mr. Johnson delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that a law may pass to widen and straighten a certain road in Frederick county, commencing at John Cronise's farm near the old glass-works, thence by Frederick Clisses Key's and Donston's mill to Ramsburg's meeting-house. Also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that a law may pass authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a lot of ground and erecting thereon a house of worship. Which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Howard and Taney.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning nine o'clock

TUESDAY, December 7.

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

Daniel Martin, Esquire, a delegate from Talbot county, appeared, qualified and took his seat.

Mr. Bowles from the committee, delivers the following report:

The committee appointed to report the rules proper to be observed during this session, beg leave to submit the following:

1st. At the hour appointed for sitting the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

2d. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes his chair, and remain until the speaker rises and goes forth.

3d. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall rise uncovered and respectfully address himself to the speaker.

4th. No member at the time of speaking in debate, shall name any other, by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

5th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall determine which shall speak first.

6th. No member shall speak a second time until every member who offers to deliver his sentiments has spoken once, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the house.

7th. Any member called to order by the speaker or any member, shall thereupon take his seat.

8th. When the house is sitting no member shall hold conversation to interrupt debate.

9th. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and (if desired by the speaker or any member) reduced to writing delivered in at the table and read by the clerk.

10th. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed by a motion for commitment or postponement, or by the previous question before any other motion shall be received.

11th. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the yeas and nays shall be taken, when required by three members who shall have divided on the question.

12th. The previous question, that is, whether the question propounded be now put, may be called for by any member, on any question except to an amendment, or other matter which cannot in its nature be postponed.

13th. If a question in debate contains more distinct parts than one, any member may of right have the same divided into as many questions as parts, and when an amendment shall be proposed to an amendment, the question on the last amendment shall be first taken, and then divided if required, into as many parts as it will admit of questions.

14th. All questions shall be determined by a majority of the members present, those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so *vice versa* until a decision by the speaker.

15th. Whenever the speaker shall decide any question, the same shall be final, unless the yeas and nays be required.

16th. Every bill or resolution originated in this house, or received from the senate shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the perusal of the members, unless on very urgent occasions the house shall, by special order, dis-