

Mr. Miller, from the committee, made a favorable report upon the bill to incorporate the Lafayette Beneficial Society of Baltimore. The bill was then read a second and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Claude, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to divorce William Alexander and Elizabeth Alexander, of the city of Baltimore, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendment, viz. add at the end of the bill; the following: "nor shall the said William, be liable for any debts which may be contracted by the said Elizabeth, after the passage of this act;" which amendment was read and assented to. The bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, February 22d, 1826.

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

The president laid before the senate the following letter, which was read and referred to the house of delegates.

To the Honorable the President

Of the Senate and Speaker

Of the House of Delegates of Maryland:

Gentlemen—As it is contemplated to call on the congress of the United States, to establish a naval academy at the city of Annapolis; and feeling myself much interested every way, in the success of the proposition, I hope I shall be excused for suggesting to you, and through you, to the honorable bodies over which you preside, the advantage that might arise from appointing a committee of both houses; and associating therewith, two of the oldest physicians of Annapolis, to visit Fort Madison, (I believe it is called) on the eastern side of Severn; and to examine and report, if it be practicable to remove the local cause, that renders that place unhealthy, together with the probable expense. If it be found practical, I do humbly conceive, that one powerful hindrance, to the success of the scheme, will be removed, as it may, and will, no doubt be desirable to have the place well fortified, wherever congress shall see fit to locate it.

With sentiments of the highest

consideration and respect

I am, sirs, your obedient humble servant,

John C. Weems.