

The bill to confirm an act entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Somerset county into election districts, was read a second time.

On motion, the bill for the opening of Ensor street, in the city of Baltimore, was referred to Messrs. Johnson, Heath, and Forrest.

The bill to exempt from taxation, the Baltimore Athenaeum, was read a second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill for the relief of James Kelly, of Kent county, which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on insolvencies.

Also, a bill entitled, an act to divorce Jane Atkinson, and her husband Hugh Atkinson, of the city of Baltimore, which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on divorces.

Also, a bill entitled, an act to authorise the governor and council of Maryland, to appoint inspectors of salted pork and beef in this state, which was read the first time.

The bill for the opening of monument street, in the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, and referred to Messrs. Johnson, Heath, and Kennedy.

On motion, the bill for the relief of the sheriff of Caroline county, and others of said county, and the resolution relative to the records of Talbot county court, and the bill relating to manumissions, were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Heath offered the following message, which was read.

By the Senate, February 8th, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The Senate accede to the proposition contained in your message of the seventh inst. to appoint a joint committee, to visit the penitentiary, for the purpose of making a further investigation into the state and condition of that institution, and of examining the accounts connected therewith, and have named Messrs. _____ on the part of this house.

The senate propose with the concurrence of the house of delegates, to impose the further duty upon the committee, of enquiring into the state, condition and management of the Baltimore hospital, and whether any, and what fur-