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Mr. Hughlett from the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims to which was referred the resolution in favor of John Taylor, and the resolution in favor of Nathan Fitzpatrick reported that the committee had had said resolutions under consideration and were of opinion they ought not to pass.

They were severally read the second, and by special order the third time dissented from and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Mayer from the committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to divorce Anne Tomkins and William Tomkins, reported that the committee had had said bill under consideration and were of opinion it ought to pass with the following amendment,

Which was read and assented to:

In the 5th line of the bill strike out "*a vinculo matrimonii*" and insert

"From bed, board and actual cohabitation, and said Anne Tomkins shall to every effect, as if she were a feme sole and had never been married, be capable in law and equity to take, hold and dispose of any property, and make and be bound by any contracts or engagements: provided however that she is not authorised hereby to contract marriage during the life of said William. And said Anne is hereby declared to be entitled to the custody and guardianship of her child by her said marriage with said William."

The bill was then read the second and by special order the third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Mayer from the committee on judicial proceedings to which was referred the bill entitled, a further supplement to the act directing the manner of suing out attachments in this state, and limiting the extent of them reported that the committee had had said bill under consideration and were of opinion it ought not to pass.

It was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Sappington the bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act relating to free negroes