

The resolution relative to the examination of the penitentiary was read the second time, and, on motion by Mr. Winder, the word "Resolved" was stricken out, and the word "Ordered" inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion by Mr. Winder, that part of the order from the word "unite" to the word "committee" inclusive, was stricken out and the words "inquire and" inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion by Mr. C. Dorsey, the words "and the sum necessary to be appropriated to carry the said establishment into operation, and the number of the prisoners now at work on the public roads," was added to the first order.

The blank in the second order being filled up with the names of Mr. Winder, Mr. J. Brown and Mr. Herbert, the question was put, That the house assent to the said orders? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill concerning divorces, Mr. Winder in the chair, and after sometime spent therein, the committee rose, and the chairman reported the said bill with amendments.

Mr. Groome delivers a bill, entitled, An act to make the bridge built over Principio creek, in Cæcil county, a toll-bridge for certain purposes; Mr. J. E. Spencer delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual prevention of duelling; Mr. Willis delivers a bill, entitled, An act to make valid a deed from William D. Glover, of Dorchester county, to Henrietta Glover, now Henrietta Rich, of Caroline county; Mr. Archer delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Smithson, of Harford county; Mr. Bowles delivers a bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government; Mr. Frazier delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the justices of the levy court of Dorchester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; Mr. Jump delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Caroline county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; Mr. Sellman delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Doctor William Murray, of Anne-Arundel county; and Mr. A. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to relinquish the right of the state to the lands and premises conveyed by Richard Stringer, of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to Archibald Moncrief, deceased; which were severally read.

Mr. Williams delivers a petition from Joseph M'Ceney, late sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, praying a further time to complete his collections; which was read and referred to Mr. Williams, Mr. A. Dorsey and Mr. Belt, to consider and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. C. Dorsey, ORDERED, That the further supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, have a second reading on Monday next.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the report of the joint committee relative to repairing and furnishing the government-house, and, on motion by Mr. Boyle, the question was put, That the following be added thereto? to wit: "Resolved, That for the better repairing and furnishing the government-house, the governor be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for the sum of sixteen hundred dollars, including the sum of twelve hundred dollars formerly appropriated to this purpose and unexpended, and the treasurer is hereby authorised and directed to pay the same out of any unappropriated money in the treasury." Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house concur with the said report and assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. J. H. Thomas, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the speedier payment of the allowance to jurymen. ORDERED, That Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. C. Dorsey, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Tabbs and Mr. Bland, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. S. Thomas, ORDERED, That the bill to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from near Ellicott's lower mills to George-town, in the district of Columbia, have a second reading on Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Bland, ORDERED, That the further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, and securing and confirming the estates of purchasers, have a second reading on Thursday next.

On motion by Mr. Archer, ORDERED, That the bill to tax bank stock have a second reading on Thursday next.

The report on the petition of Charles Sewell and James R. Green, of Charles county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur with said report and assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 18, 1809.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out a certain road in Baltimore county, the resolution in favour of Charles Sewell and James R. Green, and the resolution relative to furnishing and repairing the government house, were sent to the senate.

Mr. J. S. Moffitt delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Edward Foard, of Cæcil county; and Mr. Williams delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising Zachariah Duvall, collector of Anne-Arundel county, to complete his collection; which were read.