

And a communication from the cashier of the *Mechanics Bank of Baltimore*, relative to the state of that institution; which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

On motion by Mr. Hunt, Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to inquire into the condition of the furniture of the government house, and report thereon to this house. In pursuance whereof the speaker appointed Messrs. Hunt, Tilghman and Lee, the committee.

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice be instructed to inquire into the propriety of granting an annual compensation for new services imposed by a law passed at the last session of the legislature on the judiciary of the fifth judicial district.

On motion by Mr. Hunt, Ordered, That the committee on the militia be instructed to inquire into expediency of abolishing militia parades in this state.

On motion by Mr. Yoe, the following resolution was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby directed to cause to be furnished to the moderator and commissioners of Hagerstown, one copy of the laws of the present session, and each succeeding session, in the same manner as justices of the peace now are, and that an additional number be printed for that purpose.

The house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Ely, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to insolvent debtors in the city and county of Baltimore, passed at December session 1816, chapter 221.

When on motion by Mr. Nicholas, said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to preserve the side walks in the village of Union-Town, in Frederick county; and the bill, entitled, An act authorising the recording of a deed from Edward G. Williams, late of Washington county, deceased, to Sarah Syester; were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Wright, entitled, An act to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned; When, on motion by Mr. Purnell, the said bill was recommitted to the committee that reported it, for amendment. Ordered, That Messrs. Purnell and Merrick, be added to said committee.