

WEDNESDAY, January 5, 1831.

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

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of the city court of Baltimore, relative to the several sums of money paid by him into the western shore treasury, within the years ending on the 30th November.

Mr. Nicholas presented a petition of Ann Elizabeth Lechler, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce from her husband George Lechler; which was read and referred to the standing committee on divorces.

Mr. Teackle presented a memorial and petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Somerset and Worcester, praying the establishment of a financial institution, to be founded upon the invested monies in the treasury, for the supply of revenue to the state, and the general accommodation and benefit of the people; which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Hicks presented the petition of William Vickars and Rebecca Vickars, of Dorchester county, praying that a divorce may be granted them a vinculo matrimonii.

And Mr. Gantt presented a petition of Otho W. Callis, praying for a divorce a vinculo matrimonii; which were severally read and referred to the standing committee on divorces.

And Mr. Hood presented the petition of Joshua Burgess, a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

On motion by Mr. Lee, Ordered, That the committee on internal improvement be instructed to require of the several canal, rail road, and turnpike companies, in which the state has invested funds, the present state of those improvements, and the prospect of the early completion thereof; the durability, expense, and extent of the works already executed; the contracts under execution; the gross receipts from the portions already executed; the necessary and contingent expenses attending their execution and carrying into operation; the difficulties, if any exist, to their completion; and such other general and specific information as may be deemed important to a full understanding on the part of this house, of the actual state of all such canals and roads, as she may have invested funds, and report thereon as soon as may be.

On motion by Mr. Richardson, Ordered, That the committee on lotteries inquire into the expediency of reducing the salary allowed to the commissioners under the present system, and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Wright, leave was given to bring in a bill to alter and amend an act, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish pilots;