

change his name to that of Caleb Bell; which was read, and referred to Messrs. Wright, Hicks and Steele.

And Mr. Gittings presented the petitions of sundry citizens of Montgomery county, praying the passage of a law taxing dogs in said county, and for other purposes; which was read, and referred to Messrs. Gittings, Harding and Willson.

Mr. M'Kinstrey reported a bill, entitled, An act relative to a part of the Westminster and Hagerstown turnpike road.

At the request of Mr. Nicholas, he was excused by the house from serving as a member of the select committee appointed on the petition of Mrs. Janet Hollins, and

Mr. Turner was appointed to supply the vacancy thereby occasioned.

Mr. Purnell, chairman of the committee on divorces, made unfavourable reports on the petitions of Elizabeth Mayfield, and Elizabeth Lechler, of the city of Baltimore, Fanny Easterday of Frederick county, and Otho W. Callis, of Prince-George's county; which reports were twice read and concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Tilghman, Ordered, That the committee on the militia inquire into the expediency of requiring the several armourers of this state to give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties, and of prescribing their duties by law.

Mr. Teackle submitted the following resolutions:

By the House of Delegates,

January 7, 1831.

First. Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it is expedient to amend the constitution of the United States, so as to provide for the decision of all cases, in which the constitutionality of state laws shall be brought in question, by the senate of the United States; and that the concurrence of two-thirds of the said senate shall be necessary to declare the law of any state unconstitutional.

Second. Further Resolved, That the senators of this state in the congress of the United States, be instructed, and the representatives of this state in the said congress be requested, to use their best endeavours to procure an amendment of the constitution of the United States, which will embrace the principles contained in the foregoing resolution.

Third. Further Resolved, That his excellency the governor, be requested to cause a copy of the foregoing resolutions to be forwarded to each of the senators and representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and, as well, to the executive of each of the several states, with a