

practicability and expediency, with the concurrence and co-operation of the states of Virginia and Delaware, of opening a safe and direct navigation through the sounds which run parallel with the sea-coast, and such canals as may be necessary between the Chesapeake Bay, at or near Cape Charles and Lewis Town creek, on the Delaware bay, and that said committee be authorised to open a correspondence with the authorities of Virginia and Delaware on the subject of the contemplated improvement, and we propose, with your concurrence, that the committee on internal improvement in your honourable body be invited to co-operate with us in the necessary inquiries to effect its objects.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, Clk.

The house then adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, January 10th, 1831.

The house met. The same members present as on Saturday, with the addition of Mr. Speaker Thomas, who appeared in the house, and resumed the chair.

Mr. Teackle presented the petition of William Roach, Jr. and others, of Somerset county, praying to be admitted to the benefits of the law of public instruction, and an equitable distribution of the monies in the treasury, appropriated for education; which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Hunt presented the petition of John W. Richardson, of the city of Baltimore, praying the passage of an act authorising him to bring into this state certain negro slaves therein mentioned; which was read, and referred to the standing committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Keene presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying a modification of the pilot laws; which was read, and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

On motion by Mr. Willson, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to change the mode of appointing the justices of the peace for the several counties in this state, so as to reduce the number. Ordered, That Messrs. Willson, Chapman and Gale, report the same.

Mr. Purnell, chairman of the committee on divorces, made an unfavourable report upon the petition of Jacob Metzgar, Jr. of Frederick county; which was twice read and concurred in.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of the court of appeals for the western shore, relative to the attendance of judges; which was read, and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.