

cial order, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the bill, entitled, An act relative to a part of the Westminster and Hagerstown turnpike road, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gantt, Chairman of the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment, made an unfavourable report on the petition of William F. Goodrich, of Saint Mary's county; which was twice read and concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Hughlett, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to abolish the levy court, and provide for the election by the people of commissioners for Talbot county, and prescribing their powers and duties.— Ordered, That Messrs Hughlett, Dickinson, Dudley, Denny and Hicks, prepare and report the same.

On motion by Mr. Montgomery, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act making certain registers of deeds and mortgages in Harford and Cecil counties valid, and providing for the registry of certain deeds and mortgages for lands lying on the Susquehannah river in Harford and Cecil counties. Ordered. That Messrs. Montgomery, Amos, Gale, Evans and Moores, prepare and report the same.

Mr. Denny reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect a town in Talbot county, by the name of Saint Michael's, and to appoint commissioners. And Mr. Merrick reported a bill, entitled, An act concerning the trial of causes in Washington county court; which were severally read.

Mr. M·Elfresh reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the despatch of business in Frederick county court, passed at December session 1829, chapter 107; which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 18, 1831.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to provide for the prompt payment of witnesses in criminal cases;

And the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the despatch of business in Frederick county