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The house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Brown of Queen-Anne's, entitled, An act relating to coroners' holding inquests; which was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Purnell chairman of the committee on divorces, reported a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas F. Ward, of Saint Mary's county; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act relative to a part of the Westminster and Hagers-Town turnpike road; which amendments were severally read the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The house proceeded to consider the resolution authorising the treasurer of the western shore to invest the sum of money due to Frederick county on account of the free schools fund in the reserved shares of stock in the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, when Mr. Wootton moved to amend the same by inserting Prince-George's county.

Mr. Teackle moved to lay the resolution on the table? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Purnell moved that the resolution be postponed indefinitely? On the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Lee, chairman of the committee on internal improvement, delivered as a report from said committee, the following resolutions:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the extension and security of the coasting trade of the states of Virginia, Delaware, and of this state, would be effectually promoted by the opening of a safe and direct navigation through the sounds which run parallel with the sea coast, and by the construction of such canals as may be requisite for the purpose, between the Chesapeake Bay, at or near Cape Charles, and Lewis-Town creek on the bay of Delaware, and that the co-operation of the states interested in the improvement be immediately invited to this object.

Resolved, That the governor of this state be requested to communicate the foregoing resolution to the president of