

whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Rawleigh, of Dorchester county, was taken up for consideration,

When on motion by Mr. Steele said report was ordered to lie on the table.

The unfavourable reports of the committee on divorces, to whom was referred the petitions of John Barks, of Washington county, and Isaac West, of the city of Baltimore, were taken up for consideration, severally read the second time, and concurred in

Mr. Hughlett from the committee to whom was recommit-
ted the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the citizens of Maryland holding persons of colour to service for a term of years, and to prevent their absconding, reported the same with the following amendment:

Amendment proposed.

At the end of the 2d section add the following proviso: 'Provided, that no order for the sale of said negro or mulatto servant shall be granted, unless in cases where they shall have absconded a second time.'

Which amendment was read.

On motion by Mr. M'Elfresh, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to repeal the act of assembly, entitled, An act to limit the time for taking appeals from magistrates judgments, was recommitted to the committee that reported it.

The bill reported by Mr. Ely, entitled, An act to regulate the bounds of prisons in this state, was taken up for consideration; when on motion by Mr. Hunt, said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The house proceeded to consider the order of the day, it being the bill reported by Mr. Tilghman, entitled, An act to provide for the consolidation and distribution of the several school funds, and the substitute offered therefor, by Mr. Teackle.

On motion by Mr. Ely, the house was called, and the absent members sent for.

On motion by Mr. Hawkins, the house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the door keeper

Mr. Smith from the select committee, reported a bill, entitled, An act to abolish the levy court and commissioners of the tax for Calvert county, and for other purposes; which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and passed.

Mr. Hicks reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the orphans courts of this state to apportion the expenses in-