

On motion by Mr. Tilghman, said bill was amended, by inserting the following as the 6th section.

“And be it enacted, That from and after the first day of January next, the Centreville Academy shall be, and it is hereby declared to be a free school, so long as it shall be endowed by the state, and scholars from any part of the said county shall be admitted therein, free of any charge whatever, except such as may be necessary for the purchase of fuel, and keeping the academy building in repair: Provided, the said academy shall remain under the direction and government of the present board of trustees, and their successors in office.”

The said bill was then read the second time and passed.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the extension and construction of a Rail road from some point on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road to the line of the District of Columbia, in the direction of the city of Washington.

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

Or motion by Mr. Teackle, the house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session, during the absence of the doorkeeper.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the favourable report of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of Anna M. Smith, widow of the late Thomas Smith, a major in the revolution, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, the report concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates, of purchasers, was taken up for consideration, read the second time and rejected.

The doorkeeper having returned reported that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of the order of the day.

Mr. Blakistone moved to refer the bill to the consideration of the next general assembly.

Mr. Hicks called for the previous question, and being demanded, by a majority of the members present, the said previous question was put, viz. Shall the main question be now put? and it was resolved in the affirmative.