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On motion by Mr. Wilson, of Cecil, said bill was amended, by striking out from the word "act," in the fourth line, to the end of said bill, and inserting in lieu there-

the following proviso:

"Provided, That nothing herein contained, shall authorise or require the commissioners of said county, to levy
more than half the sum required to build said bridge, in
any one year; and the said commissioners shall make the
first levy of four hundred dollars, within the year eighteen
hundred and thirty two, and the remaining levy of four
hundred dollars, in the year eighteen hundred and thirtytaree.

The said bill was then read the second time, and passed, with the proposed amendment, and returned to the senate.

Mr. Turner, of Baltimore, from the committee on divorces, reported a bill entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Keplinger, of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Nicols, the house took up for consideration, the message submitted by him on the 13th inst. relative to appointing a joint committee of both houses, to examine into the state of the public business necessary to be acted upon at the present session, with a view to fixing some probable day on which the present session of the legislature may be brought to a close.

The said message having been read a second time, and the blanks therein, filled with the names of Messrs. Nicols, Brown, of Queen Anne's, Thomas, of Cecil, Hood, Heard, M'Kinstrey and Billingsly; was assented to, and sent

to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the house took up for consideration, the favourable report of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, upon the order of the house to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Margaret King, widow of Levin King, a soldier of the revolutionary war;

Which was read the second time, the report concurred

in, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

The bill reported by Mr. Teackle, chairman of the committee on ways and means, entitled, An act to repeal the second section of an act, passed at December session, 1828, chapter 98, was taken up for consideration;

When on motion by Mr. Hunt, said hill was laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Friday next, the

17th inst.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the bill from the

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