Which were severally read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessments.

Mr. Lantz presented a petition of Alexander Robertson, praying that the Treasurer of the Western Shore may be authorised to pay him a certain sum of money, which may appear to be due him on the books thereof; which was read and referred to the standing committee on claims.

Mr. Grove presented a petition of Mary Edmonds, of Washington county, praying to be divorced from her husband, Alexander Edmonds, which was read and referred to

the standing committee on Divorces;—and

Mr. Duvall, of Anne Arundel, presented a petition of James Frazier, of the city of Annapolis, praying to be placed on the pension roll; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The Speaker laid before the house a report of the Justices of the Orphans Court of Prince George's county, re-

lative to the free school fund. Also,

A communication from the trustees of Allegany county Academy, containing a report of the state of said academy.

Which were read, and severally referred to the standing committee on Education.

The Speaker also laid before the house a report from John R. Magruder, Tobacco Inspector in the city of Baltimore, relative to the several sums of money paid by him into the Western Shore Treasury, ending on the 30th of November, 1832; which was read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES,

Committee on Elections and Privileges—Messrs. Cottman, Chandler, G. A. Thomas, Duvall of Prince Georges, Hollman, Harris, and Holmes.

Committee on Ways and Means—Messrs. Teackle, Nicols, Jenkins, Merrick, Stevens, Hammond, and Turner.

Committee on Claims—Messrs. Willson, Wright of Dorchester, Edelin, Knight, Compton, Lantz, and Larrimore.

Committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice—Messrs. Blackstone, Brewer, Garrettson, Harper, Jones, Pratt, and Wright of Queen Ann's.

Committee on Military Pensions and Revolutionary Claims—Messrs. Rogerson, Burgess, Charles, Forwood, Richardson of Dorchester, Mann, and Lewis Thomas.