

Jan. 14] OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The committee on grievances and courts of justice, in obedience to the order of the house, adopted on the 2d inst. instructing them to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to regulate the rate of allowance to widows in all cases arising under the act of descents, and in all cases of sale of real estate under a decree in chancery, where such sale is assented to by the widow, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to report, that they consider the rate of allowance to widows, in the cases aforesaid, as prescribed by the act of assembly of 1799, ch. 49, sec. 6; and by the act of assembly of 1816, ch. 154, sec. 10, as fair and equitable, and that, in the opinion of the committee, no further legislation upon the subject is necessary;—they therefore ask to be dismissed from the further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted,

I. D. Jones, chairman.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Scott reported a bill, entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Cecil county;

And, Mr. Jones of Somerset, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, reported a bill, entitled, an act for the relief of the widow and children of John Cummins deceased, late of the state of Delaware;

Which were severally read the first and second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Jones of Somerset, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Jacob Fockler and John Fishack, praying the confirmation of a deed therein mentioned;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jones of Somerset, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, reported a bill, entitled, an act for the relief of Evan Morris, an alien, residing in Washington county in this state.

Mr. Johns, chairman of the committee on divorces, reported a bill, entitled, an act to divorce Nancy Sharp, of Queen Anne's county, from her husband Richard Sharp.

Mr. Orrick reported a bill, entitled, an act regulating fences in Baltimore county in case of suits for trespass.

Mr. Nicols reported a bill, entitled, an act to condemn a lot of ground in the vicinity of Vienna, in Dorchester county, for the repairs of the side walks, streets, &c.