

And, Mr. Ely, presented a petition of Ann Chapman of Baltimore county, praying to be divorced from her husband Job Chapman,

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Harlan, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying that William Benjamin, may be placed on the pension list of said county,

Which was read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

Mr. Wharton, presented a report of the President of the board of trustees of the Hagerstown Academy, in Washington county,

Mr. Gillis, presented a report of the trustees of Buckingham Academy in Worcester county,

Mr. Cottman, presented a report of the trustees of Salisbury Academy, in Worcester county,

And, Mr. Nicols, presented a report of the commissioners of the school fund for Dechester county, severally relative to the situation of said academies and schools,

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on education.

The Speaker laid before the house a report of the Treasurer of the western shore, concerning the school funds and donations of the state to colleges, academies &c. in obedience to an order of the House of Delegates of 9th January 1835,

Which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Nowland, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, counter to the petition of sundry citizens, praying that the Seins used in the Shad and Herring fisheries, in the Potomac river, may be reduced in size, Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Hughes,

Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice, be instructed to enquire into the propriety of amending the laws in relation to destraints, so as to require an affidavit to be annexed to claims for rent, before a distress shall be permitted to be made.

Mr. Pratt obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to allow Roderick McGregor, of Prince Georges county, to bring into this State, from the District of Columbia, his negro man William, a slave for life.