

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Derecmon, McMahon, and Bruce.

Mr. Jones of Somerset, presented a petition of Samuel G. Holbrook, sheriff of Somerset county, praying the passage of an act to authorise and require the levy court, of Somerset county, to levy a sum of money to compensate him for the board and maintenance of certain negroes, confined in the jail of Somerset county, by order of the county court of said county;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Jones of Somerset, Dashiell, and Teackle.

Mr. Jones of Somerset, also presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Somerset and Worcester counties, residing in the town of Salisbury in said counties, setting forth the injury to the morals of the community, resulting from indiscriminately issuing license to vend ardent spirits, and praying that the provisions of an act, passed at December session, 1833, chapter 142, may be extended to the said town of Salisbury.

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Wharton presented a petition of sundry citizens of Williamsport in Washington county, praying an amendment of the militia laws of this State;

Which was read and referred to the committee on the militia.

Mr. Ely presented a petition of the commissioners appointed by an act passed at December session, 1833, to superintend the repair of the bridge over the Patapsco falls, at Ellicott's upper mills;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Ely, Hood, Ridgely, Orrick, and Shower;

And, Mr. Dulaney presented a petition of the heirs of Jane White, late of the city of Baltimore, praying to be paid for the house destroyed in Charles street in 1812, by an infuriated mob.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Dulany, Cushing, Wharton, Hambleton of Talbot, and Nicols.

On motion of Mr. Johns (seconded by two other members who voted in the majority) the house reconsidered the order submitted by him on the 30th ultimo, in relation to issuing summonses, in the case of Virginia Williams vs. Isaac Williams, for a divorce.

On motion of Mr. Johns, said order was amended by adding at the end thereof the following, in these words, "at the instance of either party, and the party at whose instance