

certain improvements and alterations in the court house in Washington county,

Which was read the first and second time by special order, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Darby, the house took up for consideration, the bill reported by Mr. Beam, entitled, an act to provide for the payment of Jurors in Montgomery county.

On motion of Mr. Darby, said bill was amended, by inserting after the word "Jurymen," in the first section, seventh line, the words "and State witnesses,"

The said bill was then read the second time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Darby, the title of the bill was amended, by inserting after the word "Jurors," the words and "State witnesses,"

On motion of Mr. Carroll, of St. Marys, the house took up for consideration, the resolution submitted by him on the 6th inst. requesting his Excellency the Governor, to procure a sword with suitable ornaments and devices, and present it in the name of his native State, to Capt. John A. Webster, for his gallant defence of the battery committed to his charge, during the memorable attack against the city of Baltimore, September 12, 1814,

The said resolution was then read the second time.

Mr. Merrick moved to lay said resolution on the table, Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Merrick then submitted the following order,

Ordered, That the resolution, requiring the Governor to procure a sword for Capt. John A. Webster, be referred to a special committee of seven, to ascertain and report, what officers of the United States army and navy, citizens of this State, or of the militia of this State have, by their valor in the late war, merited the distinguished honor of having a sword voted to them by the legislature, and who have not heretofore received that honor, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Which was twice read.

On the question being put, will the House adopt said order,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Brown, (seconded by two other members that voted in the majority) moved to reconsider the vote of the House, laying said resolution, in relation to procuring a sword for Capt. John A. Webster, on the table,

Resolved in the affirmative,

The question was then put, will the House assent to said resolution,