

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

And, Mr. Bayly presented a petition of J. B. Monroe, praying the Legislature to take the necessary measures, to insure to him the bounty land due to his late father, as a soldier of the revolution in the Maryland line,

Which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Jones submitted the following resolution,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the Clerk of the Court of Appeals for the Western Shore, be furnished by the Executive with four copies of the Laws and Resolutions of the Legislature of this State, which may be passed at this present session, and the same number from year to year hereafter, to be kept by the said Clerk for the use of the Court.

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

Mr. Duckett, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, delivered the following report,

The committee on grievances and courts of justice, to which was referred the following order, "ordered that the committee on grievances and courts of justice, be requested to inquire into the expediency of revising the testamentary Laws of this State," have had the same under consideration. The language of the order is such, in the opinion of the committee, as simply to require of them an affirmation or negation of the expediency of revising the testamentary laws of the State, without requiring them to specify and designate all the alterations or amendments in said laws, which upon full consideration, and after a long time they might deem advisable and point out. The committee would suggest, that if it was designed by the House in the passage of the order, to require of them to suggest alterations in the testamentary code of the State, and to draft bills, and present them for the action of the House in regular and proper form; the time of the committee during the residue of the session in the accomplishment of such an object, would be entirely abstracted from the consideration of all other business properly before the committee, and requiring even now their constant attention, during the hours in which the House is not in session. The committee have no doubt, that some salutary change might be effected in the Testamentary System, but believing as they do, that wholesome modifications in the system can be more satisfactorily and speedily ac-