

SATURDAY, January 25th, 1840.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the board of managers of the Maryland State Colonization society, in obedience to an order adopted by the House;

Read and referred to the committee on colored population.

Mr. Polk presented the petition of Michael McLaughlin, praying to be placed on the pension list of Harford county;

Read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

Mr. Sutton presented the petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying that Francis Fairweather, may be placed upon the pension list of said county;

Read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

Mr. Parke presented the petition of Joseph Arthur, of Carroll county, praying for a divorce;

Read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Tall presented the petition of 117 citizens of this State, interested in the commerce of Baltimore, praying that a law may be passed prohibiting the floaters of lumber from washing their lumber in the basin, or else imposing a tax on them;

Read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Holmes presented the report of the Trustees of St. James Academy, in Baltimore county;

Read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Sutton presented the petition of 65 citizens of Harford county, complaining of the repeated suspension of specie payments by the banks, and charging those institutions with a desperate spirit of speculation, with a reckless disregard of solemn obligations, a wilful dereliction of duty, an utter contempt of public opinion, and further complaining of the demoralizing influence, which the licentious conduct of those chartered monopolies has had upon society, and praying that the officers of those corporations may be restrained by severe penal enactments, and that the charters of such banks as have become forfeited, may be annulled, and that the others be compelled to resume the payment of their debts in specie;

Read and referred to the committee on the currency.

Mr. Mason asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Sarah Barnett and her children, of Washington county;

Referred to Messrs. Mason, Byer and Newcomer.

Mr. Biser presented the petition of sundry citizens of Jefferson, in Frederick county, praying a modification of an act of incorporation;

Read and referred to Messrs. Biser, Simmons and Firor.