

mittee on claims be instructed to grant a certificate to William M. Neir for one hundred dollars, on account of his contract for printing for the legislature.

On motion by Mr. Gantt, it was Ordered, That this house proceed on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock, to the election of a director, on the part of the state, in the Bank of Baltimore.

Mr. Kemp asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to preserve the side walks in the town of Liberty, in Frederick county. And, on his motion, it was Ordered, That a select committee, consisting of three members, be appointed by the Speaker, to prepare and report said bill. Messrs. Kemp, M. Pherson and Shriver, were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

On motion by Mr. Ely, the bill reported by him from the committee on insolvency, entitled, An act for the relief of Emanuel D. Smith, an insolvent debtor of the city of Baltimore, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, by a special order, passed, and sent to the senate for concurrence.

The bill reported by Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city, entitled, An act to incorporate the Baltimore Screw Dock Company, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and placed in the hand of the Speaker, that he might put the question on its passage; when,

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the said bill was withdrawn from the chair, for the purpose of amendment.

Mr. Blakistone then proposed to amend the bill, by inserting the following at the end thereof, as an additional section, viz.

"Sec. -. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to affect the right of the legislature to levy a tax upon the real and personal property of said company, similar to any tax which may be imposed on the real or personal property within this state."

The said amendment was twice read and agreed to.

The bill, so amended, was then passed, and sent to the senate for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Smith of Worcester, the house agreed to suspend the operation of the rules prescribing the order in which the business of the house shall be conducted, that a proposition, which he desired to submit, might be received; when, he asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the benefit of James White and James W. Melvin, executors of James Melvir, late of Accomack county, in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and, on his motion, it was Ordered, That a select committee, consisting of three members, be appointed by the Speaker, to prepare and report said bill. Messrs. Smith of Worcester, Boyer and Hitch, were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

On motion by Mr. Stewart of Baltimore city, the house agreed to proceed to the consideration of the bill reported by Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city, entitled, An act to incorporate