

Section 42, amend by inserting, at the end of section after "freedom," in line 12, "and all manumissions made or attempted to be made by deed or last will and testament, since the enactments of said sections 42 and 43, prohibiting manumissions, are hereby ratified and made valid with the assent of the parties interested, as if said prohibition had not existed;"

Which was read.

Mr. Stockbridge, from the same committee, submitted the following minority

### REPORT.

*To the House of Delegates of Maryland:*

The undersigned dissents from the conclusion and recommendation of his colleagues of the committee of Conference, to which was referred the disagreement between the two Houses in reference to the bill relating to manumissions.

Concurring in the recommendation that the Senate adopt the 3d amendment, and willing, for the sake of harmony, that this House should recede from its first amendment, he cannot consent to its receding from its second amendment, but earnestly protests against its doing so.

That amendment simply strikes out of the bill a clause wholly foreign to the subject matter of the bill, which is not specified or alluded to in the title of the bill, and which belongs, if it exist at all, *and is contained*, in an entirely different article of the Code. Its incorporation into the bill makes it embrace two entirely distinct subjects, while its title refers to but one, and is thus a violation of the provisions of the Constitution. At the same time, it accomplishes nothing, and places this General Assembly in the undignified attitude of adhering to a senseless prejudice and venting a powerless spleen in a manner so puerile as to be contemptible. He trusts, therefore, that this House will adhere to its amendment, or reject the bill, and prevent its being written upon the statute book as a lasting memorial of the want of intelligence, candor and dignity on the part of the Legislature of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY STOCKBRIDGE,

Minority of Committee.

*House of Delegates, February 27th, 1844.*

Which was read.