

Ordered, That Messrs. Williams Forwood, and Nelson report the same.

On motion of Mr. Geyer,

Ordered, that he have leave to withdraw from the files of the house the memorial in reference to the erection of a new election district, in Frederick county.

Mr. Hughes, chairman of the committee on coloured population, delivered the following report:

The committee on the coloured population to whom was referred an order of the house, to enquire into the expediency of compelling all free people of colour to hire themselves by the year, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT:

That the effect of said order, if adopted, would be at war with all preconceived opinions of propriety, for the reason, that it would be bringing that species of our population in direct contact with our slaves, which in the opinion of your committee is a state of things carefully to be guarded against, they therefore deem it inexpedient to report a bill in conformity to said order, and pray to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HUGHES, Chairman.

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

Mr. Hughes, chairman of the committee on coloured population made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Henry Black, a free man of colour, praying the passage of a law to authorise his wife Eliza, to remove to, and reside in this State,

Which was read the first and by special order the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Carpenter, chairman of the committee on corporations, reported a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Hereford Academy, in Baltimore county,

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

Mr. Huddleson reported a bill, entitled, an act to secure to citizens of Maryland the right of trial for debt under warrant in the election district only in which the party so sued may reside,

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Huddleson, referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Ghiselin reported a bill, entitled, an act to authorise James Kent, administrator of Joseph Kent, to bring into the State of Maryland, the slaves which were removed by his intestate to the State of Arkansas,

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Hughes, referred to the committee on coloured population.

On motion of Mr. Giles,

The house took up for consideration the bill, reported by Mr.