

ing that each black man should have the record evidence of his freedom, or that the undisputed reputation of his neighborhood should establish it.

Mr. Kilgour obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled an act, giving powers to justices of the peace to issue commissions to procure testimony from other states; ordered that Messrs. Kilgour, Meconiken and Williams report the same. Mr. Kilgour reports said bill.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, January 19, 1824.

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

The bill authorising the levy court of Harford county to open certain roads, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Kemp reports a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to incorporate Frederick Town, in Frederick county.

Mr. Gabby presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of the town of Williams Port, Washington county, praying for an act of incorporation; referred to Messrs Gabby, Bowles and Merrick. Also a petition from the president and managers of the Hagers's Town and Conococheague turnpike company, praying that the proviso contained in the seventh section of the act of incorporation, may be repealed; referred to Messrs Gabby, Bowles and Merrick.

Mr. Johnson presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying an alteration in the laws of trespass; referred to Messrs Johnson, J. T. H. Worthington and Ely.

Mr. W. G. D. Worthington presents a petition from Julia Coleman of the city of Baltimore; referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Johnson presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying aid for the agricultural society; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Gabby reports a bill entitled, an additional supplement to an act entitled, an act to make a turnpike road from the market space in Hager's Town, to the west Bank of Conococheague.

The bill for the benefit of the infant children and heirs at law of Jesse Wainwright, of Somerset county, deceased, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from Henry Shroeder, of Washington county, praying to be released from the payment of the balance claimed of him by the state as one of the securities of Henry Shryock; referred to Messrs Merrick, Chesley and M'Mahon.

The bill giving powers to justices of the peace to send commissioners to other states to procure testimony when in their discretion it may seem necessary, in the trial of causes pending before them, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. W. G. D. Worthington, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised to pay to Doctor Colin M'Kenzie, the survivor of Doctor James Smyth, or his order, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the fifth instalment of the loan authorised to be negotiated by them on the credit of the state, by a resolution of the general assembly for improving the hospital, which becomes due in the present year.

Mr. Johnson delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying to change the place of holding elections in the 4th election district in said county, have given the subject mature and deliberate consideration, and conceive it inexpedient to make the change as prayed for. Therefore recommend the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Which was concurred with.

By order,

TRUEMAN CROSS, Clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 17, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates—We agree to the proposition contained in your message of yesterday, of appointing a joint committee to examine and inspect the Penitentiary, and vesting them with the powers therein mentioned; provided it be your intention that the committee should make report during the present session; and have appointed Messrs Miller and Quinton to join the gentlemen named by your house. By order, W. KILTY, Clk.

Also the bill to enable Thomas C. Lannan, of Montgomery county, to purchase and hold real property within this state, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the bill relating to the fourth election district in Baltimore county, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Johnson delivers the following report: The committee to whom was referred the petition of Kittura Branham, of Baltimore county, praying an act of assembly to validate a lease therein mentioned, have had the same under consideration, and believe the case amply provided for by existing laws. Therefore recommend the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

Which was concurred with.

By order,

TRUEMAN CROSS, Clk.

Mr. Dashiell delivers the following report.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Cutler Townsend, a free man of color, of Somerset county, beg leave to report, That they have had the same under consideration, and