

treasurer of the western shore pay to Benjamin Seegar, the sum of fifty dollars, as a compensation for his extraordinary services as engrossing clerk to this house.

When, on motion by Mr. Montgomery, the said resolution, with the amendments and substitute proposed, were laid on the table.

Mr. Done, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was read.

The committee to whom was referred the bill from the senate, entitled, An act relating to manumissions, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same with the following amendment, viz. Provided, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to affect or to destroy the right of any person, who before the passage of this act was a bona fide purchaser of any slave or slaves claiming his, her or their freedom, under such deeds of manumission, in Somerset county.

Respectfully submitted,

By order,

James H. Milbourne, Com. Clk.

The bill mentioned in said report was then read the second, and by a special order, the third time.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the words, "in Somerset county," were stricken from the proposed amendment, and it was then assented to.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the question was propounded, and decided in the affirmative, That the house agree to adopt the following as amendments to the bill, viz. after the words "forty-five years," in the tenth line of the first section, insert "or under the age of ten years." At the end of the proviso reported by the committee, amended and adopted as above, add the following:

And provided also, That the provisions of this act shall not extend to the case of any negro or negroes, mulatto or mulattoes, whose right to freedom is now in litigation in any court of this state.

The bill, so amended, was then passed, and returned to the senate.

Messages were received from the senate, by their clerk, returning the bills and resolutions, sent from this house, for concurrence, of the following titles, to wit.

A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the promotion of internal improvement.

An act relative to the establishment of a light house on Point Concord, at the mouth of the Susquehanna river, and for other purposes.

An act to open and extend Pine street, in the city of Baltimore.

An act for the relief of Samuel M. Bride, of Allegany county,

An act to repeal an act, passed the 27th day of January 1827, entitled, An act to prevent boats and other vessels from taking sand from that part of the eastern branch of the Potomac, lying and being in Prince George's county.