

Mr. Forrest from the committee, to whom was referred the bill authorising Elizabeth R. Howard, of *Montgomery* county, to convey a certain lot of and therein mentioned, reported favourably upon the said bill.—The bill was then read the second and third time, by special order and rejected.

The bill, for the relief of Jacob Getzendanner, of *Frederick* county, was read a second and third time, by special order, amended, passed and returned to the house of delegates with the proposed amendment, viz.—At the end of the bill add the following proviso, “and provided also, that before the said Jacob Getzendanner, shall take any benefit of this act, he shall pay and satisfy to the creditor or creditors, by whom the allegations aforesaid, were preferred against him, all costs accruing upon the prosecution of the same, for which the said Jacob Getzendanner, is by law responsible.

Mr. Kennedy from the committee, made a favourable report upon the bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act to establish a Bank and incorporate a company, under the name of the *Cumberland Bank of Alleghany*, the said bill was then read a second time.

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill making appropriations, for the benefit of the *American Colonization Society*, the question before the senate being on the passage of the bill.—When *Mr. Dennis*, offered the following message.

By the Senate, March 2, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

Though we in part approve of the bill making appropriation for the benefit of the *American Colonization Society*, sent to the senate by your honourable body, yet we cannot consent to pass the same without amendment. We think policy requires that the free people of colour now residing in our state should be removed from our state, as fast as is practicable; and also, that legal provisions should be made in order to check their increase by future emancipation. If in making appropriations to carry into effect the former object, we also make provisions promoting the latter object, we are of opinion that the citizens of the state will approve thereof, but if we tax our citizens in order to decrease the free coloured population of our state while we permit it to be increased by future emancipation, we apprehend that they will not approve and co-operate in such legislation, and will demand a repeal of laws which lay additional burthens upon them, and which in so small a degree remove the evils of the population complained of. As our constitution forbids the senate to amend bills of this cha-