

Mr. Sellman asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, an act to alter and change so much of the constitution and form of government as relates to the manner of electing the Governor and Council, and to introduce in lieu thereof the *viva voce* system.

And, on his motion it was

Ordered, That a select committee of seven members be appointed by the Speaker to prepare and report said bill.

Messrs. Sellman, Smith, Irving, Hunt, Buchanan, Willson and McMahan were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. Buskirk asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled an act for the benefit of the heirs and legal representatives of William Price, late of Allegany county, deceased.

And, on his motion it was

Ordered, that a select committee of three members be appointed by the Speaker to prepare and report said bill.

Messrs. Buskirk, McMahan and Swan were appointed said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. Wright from the select committee to which the subject had been referred, reported a bill, entitled an act to authorize Benjamin Chew jun. of the city of Philadelphia, to sell out of this State, certain Negro slaves, who are slaves for a term of years.

Which was read the first, and, (by a special order obtained for the purpose, conformably to the 38th rule of the House,) the second time. When,

On motion by Mr. Grason, the said bill was amended, by inserting "*for their respective terms of service,*" after the words "*to sell out of this state,*" in the third line of the section.

The bill so amended, was then passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence

Mr. Burchenal, from the select committee to which the subject had been referred, reported a bill, entitled an act to authorize George Reed, William Whiteley, and William K. Lockwood as trustees of Caleb Lockwood to sell the unexpired term of service of certain negroes in the State of Delaware.

Which was read the first, and, (by a special order obtained for the purpose, conformably to the 38th rule of the House,) the second time, passed without amendment and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Gantt offered the following resolution.

Resolved, The General Assembly of Maryland, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to George G. Brewer,