

309, entitled an Act to incorporate the North Branch Company by adding two sections thereto, to be numbered 8 and 9.

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Koons submitted the following Joint Resolution :

WHEREAS, By the Constitution of the United States, which is recognized by the fundamental law of this State as the supreme law of the land, anything in the Constitution of this State to the contrary notwithstanding, the right to the elective franchise is conferred upon all citizens, irrespective of race or color ; Therefore,

Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the retention of the word "white" in the Constitution of this State is obnoxious to censure, because it is in contravention of the National Constitution and in opposition to the spirit of the age.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following Acts of Assembly were this day presented to his Excellency the Governor for his approval :

No. 221. An Act to repeal chapter 193, of the Acts passed at January session, 1872, and to re-enact the same with amendments, so that oysters sold in the shell at Baltimore, Crisfield, and at all packing establishments, shall be measured in an iron measure.

No. 222. An Act to pay and compensate William Frank Tucker and Andrew K. Syester for legal services rendered in the United States Courts in defence of certain Officers of Registration, &c., indicted and prosecuted therein for an alleged violation of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to enforce the rights of citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of the Union, and other purposes."

No. 223. An Act to authorize the Comptroller to settle the claim of Lawrence D. Dietz.

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Colton,
At 11 o'clock, P. M., the House adjourned.