

Which was referred to the Anne Arundel delegation.

Mr. Stewart presented the petition of Mary Wilson, colored, praying the passage of a law, authorizing the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard county to issue certificates of manumission to her and her four children.

Which was referred to the Committee on colored population.

Mr. Sudler presented the petition of 98 voters of Kent county to repeal an act repealing a tax on dogs, to protect the raising of sheep in said county.

Which was referred to the Kent county Delegation.

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication :

*To the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland :*

The Commissioners to simplify the Pleadings and Practice, &c., in the Courts of the State, herewith present their respective Reports to the General Assembly of Maryland.

WILLIAM PRICE,

SAMUEL TYLER,

FREDERICK STONE,

*Commissioners.*

Mr. Partridge offered the following order :

Ordered, That so much of the Report of the Commissioners appointed to revise, simplify, and abridge the rules of practice, forms of pleading, and other modes of proceeding in the Courts of Record of this State be referred to a select committee of five; who, if the Senate shall appoint a joint committee upon that subject, shall be members of such joint committee on the part of this House: and that said committee be instructed to report to this House from time to time the progress they shall make in the consideration of such Report.

Mr. Daniel offered the following Message to the Senate, as a substitute for said order :

*By the House of Delegates,*

January 8th, 1856.

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

The Commissioners, appointed under Article 3, Section 17th, of the Constitution "to revise simplify and abridge the rules of practice, pleadings, forms of conveyancing and proceedings of the courts of record in this State," have submitted their reports to the House of Delegates. We respectfully propose with the concurrence of your Honorable Body to appoint a joint Committee to examine these works, and report the same to our respective bodies, at as early a day as practicable. We have appointed