

Mr. Kennedy, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, reported favorably on a bill entitled, an act to release the Virginia and Maryland Bridge Company, at Sheppardstown, from certain taxes;

Which was read the first time.

A bill entitled, an act to refund to the President and Directors of the Washington county Bank an over-payment of certain State taxes, on its capital stock, erroneously made in the year 1853.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Partridge, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, reported favorably on a bill entitled, an act to authorize the Comptroller to appoint his chief clerk Comptroller, pro tem., and to make his bond responsible for the acts of his clerk, done by virtue of such appointment,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Sudler, chairman of the Committee on Colored Population; to whom was referred the memorial of Charles Goldsborough, praying that a negro girl, named Charlotte Waters, who went from the State of Maryland to the State of Ohio, as a slave for life, with her mistress, a certain Mrs. Dudrar, some ten or twelve years since, and who, by the laws of said State became free, and now wishes to return to the State of Maryland, reports unfavorably on the prayer of said petition; That it ought not to be granted and they ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and that leave be granted to the memorialist to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of this House.

Adopted.

And reported favorably on a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Thomas Warfield and his wife and children, free negroes of the District of Columbia;

Which was read the first time.

Also, on a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Ellen White generally known as Ellen Savory, a free negro woman of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Frazier from the Committee on Claims reported favorably on a bill entitled, an act to appropriate a sum of money to Nathaniel Duke, clerk of the circuit court for Calvert county, for certain fees due him by the State;

Which was read the first time.