

assessable property of said county, for the erection of a County Jail;

Which was read the first time.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following bills:

A bill entitled, an act authorising the County Commissioners of Frederick county to remove from the assessment of said county, an absconding negro man, a slave for life, now assessed to Thomas J. Griffith.

Also, a bill entitled, an act granting the leave of the Legislature to a devise made in the last will of Peter Turner, a free negro of Cecil county, to the trustees of the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church, of said county.

Also, a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act authorising the Comptroller of the Treasury to pay to Oelrichs & Lurman the amount of coupons lost in the United States Mail Steamer Arctic.

Also, a bill entitled, an act amendatory of the act entitled, an act to incorporate the Metropolitan Railroad Company, passed January session, 1853.

Severally endorsed "passed by yeas and nays."

And returned a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to incorporate the Maryland and Delaware Railroad Company;

Endorsed "passed by yeas and nays, with proposed amendments."

#### AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

Sec. 3. Strike out after the word "authorised" in 2nd line and in 6th line, insert "to extend said road southerly from the terminus of said road in Talbot county near the town of Hillsborough, as now located to a point on the Potomac river, within the limits of Charles or St. Mary's counties; Provided, said extension shall be commenced within two years from the passage of this act and finished within five years from the commencement of said extension."

Strike out all after the words "Section 9," and insert "And be it enacted that the said company shall be authorised to own and run a line of stage coaches between the points with which said road is intended to connect and to make such charges for the transportation of passengers, mails and other articles as the said company may deem advisable, and that the said company are