

dall and Worthington, to bring in a bill to compel all male free negroes in this State, between the ages of 18 and 45, to perform a certain amount of labor annually upon the public roads, or in lieu thereof, to pay to the levy courts or board of commissioners of their respective counties, an equivalent in money.

On motion of Mr. Randall,

Leave was granted to withdraw from the files of this House the petition and papers of Jesse Newton, praying that a certain deed therein mentioned be made valid.

Mr. Hammond submitted the following message :

*By the House of Delegates,*

*January 19th, 1843.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

We propose with the consent of your honorable body, to appoint a joint committee to inquire into and report to the General Assembly, such provisions for the regulation of the colored population of the State, and the better protection of slave property, as may be deemed necessary. We have appointed upon the part of this Messrs.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Morsell,

Ordered, That the Speaker fill up the blank with the names of seven members.

The question then recurred on assenting to the said message ;

And on being put, it was assented to.

Mr. Graves submitted the following message :

*By the House of Delegates,*

*January 19th, 1843.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate :*

With the concurrence of your honorable body, we propose at one o'clock this day, to go into the election of one director to represent the State in the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, and one director for the Hagerstown Bank, in the place of Henry White and Andrew Rench, who have resigned. We nominate Joshua Vansant as director in the Mechanics Bank, and Michael Newcomer as director in the Hagerstown Bank.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Starr,

The House took up the report of the committee on Inspections, submitted on the 17th instant ;

Which was read the second time and concurred in.

The Speaker then announced the appointment of the following gentlemen, in conformity to the message requesting the appointment of a joint committee on the colored population of the State, and the better protection of slave property, as may be deemed necessary ; Messrs. Spence, Kilgour, Dorsey, Nicols, Phelps, Handy of Somerset, Semmes and Tuck.

The message was then sent to the Senate.