

chapter 87, it is lawful for any *citizen* of this State, who may acquire slaves by *marriage* or *bequest*, or in a *course of distribution* in another state, district or territory, or any person or persons who reside or may have resided out of the State, and who may remove or have removed into the same, with a *bona fide* intention of becoming a citizen thereof, to introduce into this State any slave or slaves, so owned or so acquired, by their paying a tax on each slave, graduated according to age, for the benefit of the State Colonization Society. By the act of 1835, chapter 61, the benefit of the provisions of the act of 1833, chapter 87, was extended to citizens of this State, who might acquire slaves by *gift*. This is now the settled and established policy of the State, and your committee are of opinion that it should not be abandoned. The petitioners, and all others similarly situated, can introduce their slaves by complying with the provisions of the acts referred to; and your committee, therefore, ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions, and that they have leave to withdraw them.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER KILGOUR, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Sutton,

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means inquire into the expediency of raising a revenue by the imposition of an annual tax on dogs within the limits of this State; and that they be authorised to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Sutton,

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means inquire into the expediency of levying a tax upon all collateral inheritances and legacies; and that they be authorised to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Rider,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning, half past nine o'clock.

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THURSDAY, January 26th, 1843.

The House met. Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Causin, Thomas, Key, Sutton, Rasin, Owens, Dorsey, Murray, Hammond, Clarke, Allnutt, Weems, Morsell, Crain, Brawner, Walker, Risteau, Welsh, Randall, Hall, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, Handy of Somerset, Fleming, Langford, Rider, Phelps, Green, Lackland, Simpser, Janney, Crookshanks, Tuck, Hamilton, Dunbracco, Roberts, Holland, Hearn, Taylor, Handy of Worcester, Richardson, Lynch, McKeehan, Crampton Butler, Yel-lott, Hopkins, Jarrett, Sherwood of Caroline, Nicols, Springer, Graves, Gallagher, Starr, Spence, Nesbit, Weber, Harne, Boteler,