

Read the second time by special order, passed and sent to the Senate.

And as chairman of the same committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Lucy Perry of Allegany county, reported that the said bill ought not to pass, because the case is provided for by existing laws ;

Read the second time by special order and rejected.

And as chairman of the same committee, to which was referred the leave to bring in a bill to permit George W. Weems of Calvert county, to introduce certain negroes into this State from the State of Louisiana, reported that the case is provided for by the act of 1839, ch. 15, and that no further legislation is necessary upon the subject ;

Which was read the first and by special order the second time, and concurred in.

Mr. Owens, chairman of the select committee, to which was referred the leave to bring in a bill so to alter the Constitution of this State as to reduce the number of the members of the House of Delegates, reported that a majority of the said committee were of the opinion that it ought not to be done ;

Which was read the first and by special order the second time.

Mr. Phelps then moved the following as a substitute for said report :

An act to amend the Constitution and form of Government of the State of Maryland.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the election for delegates to the General Assembly, for the December session of the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and forty-four, and at each succeeding election for delegates, until this act is amended or repealed, four delegates shall be elected in and for Baltimore city ; four delegates in and for Baltimore county ; four delegates in and for Frederick county ; four delegates in and for Anne Arundel county ; four delegates in and for Washington county ; and three delegates in and for Allegany county ; and three delegates in and for each of the several counties respectively, next hereinafter named, to wit : Dorchester, Somerset, Worcester, Prince George's, Harford, Montgomery, Carroll and Cecil ; and two delegates in and for each of the several counties respectively, hereinafter next mentioned, to wit : Kent, Queen Ann's, Caroline, Talbot, Saint Mary's, Charles and Calvert.

Section 2. And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the General Assembly next after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the Constitution an form of Government directs, that in such case this act and the alteration therein contained, shall be considered as a part of the said Constitution and form of Government, to all intents and purposes, any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which was read.