STATE DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis, December 31st, 1842.

To the Honorable
   the General Assembly :

In compliance with the request of the Hon. J. R. Underwood, President of a Convention of the friends of the American Colonization Society, recently held in Washington, I have the honor to submit the memorial and proceedings of said Convention.

FRANCIS THOMAS.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Pickell reported a bill entitled, an act supplementary to an act entitled, an act to incorporate the Boston and New York Coal company, passed at December session 1835 ;

Read the first time and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Gallagher reported a bill entitled, an act to abolish imprisonment for debt ;

Read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grove, from the select committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, an act to allow John Newcomer, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, further time to complete his collections, reported the same with the following amendment :

Add as an additional section the following :

"Section 3. And be it enacted, That if any person, against whom there is a claim presented by the said John Newcomer, shall make affidavit before any justice of the peace for said county that he or she hath paid the same, it shall forever bar such claims.'

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

Mr. Buskirk then moved to amend the said amendment by adding thereto the following :

"The said Newcomer having assented to all the provisions of this act ;"

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on assented to the amendment of the committee ;

And on being put, it was assented to.

The question then recurred on the passage of the bill as amended ;

And on being put,

It was passed and returned to the Senate.

The House then took up the following bills entitled to a second reading :

The bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Channing Library Institute of Baltimore ;

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,