

merset county, praying to be permitted to introduce certain negro slaves into this state;

Read and referred to the committee on the colored population.

Mr. Owens presented the petition of Jacob R. Shephard, praying the passage of an act annulling a deed of trust executed by him to John McCaffrey;

Read and referred to Messrs. Owens, Ridgely and Polk.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The select committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Parvin and others, praying to be remunerated for services as witnesses in Baltimore City Court, was discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the same was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Quynn presented the petition of Richard English, praying that the levy court of Frederick county shall be required to levy a certain sum for his use;

Read and referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Cottman presented the memorial of Robert Malone, of Somerset county, praying for remuneration for damages done to his property by survey of the Eastern Shore Rail Road in 1836;

Read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Biser asked and obtained leave to withdraw from the files of the house the memorial presented at December session 1838, praying the passage of a law to authorise the administrator of Peter Brengle, of Frederick county, to make a deed for certain property therein named;

Referred to Messrs. Biser, Simmons and Firor.

Mr. Simmons asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act for the protection of a bridge across the Monocacy, in Frederick county, called the "People's Bridge," on the road leading from New Market to Buckey's-Town;

Referred to Messrs. Simmons, McPherson and Biser.

Mr. Firor asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill for the better regulation of primary schools in Frederick county;

Referred to Messrs. Firor, McPherson and Quynn.

On motion of Mr. Gaither,

Ordered, That the board of managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society report to this house, on as early a day as practicable,

1st. Whether the clerk or register of wills of Montgomery county have, in compliance with the provisions of an act entitled, an act relating to the people of colour in this state, passed at December session 1831, chapter 281, furnished them with extracts from deeds or wills proposing to manumit slaves in said county; and if the said clerk and register or either of them have done so.

2d. Whether they have complied with the provisions of said act of 1831, which prescribes their duties, as regard the removal out of the state, of the slaves so manumitted.

Mr. Welch of Kent, asked and obtained leave to withdraw from