

Mr. Jones, from the committee on divorces, reported a bill entitled, an act to divorce Robert H. Watthews of Somerset county, from his wife Sarah Matthews;

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

Mr. Long, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, reported a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Jacob Shimberger, Isaac Hoshall, Jesse Hoshall, and John Wismer;

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

Mr. Graves, from the committee on ways and means, made the following report:

The committee of ways and means having had under consideration the application of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, for a release of the payment of the annual interest on the State loan, beg leave to report—that it is inexpedient to grant such release; all of which is respectfully submitted.

March 2d, 1840.

Read and laid on the table.

Mr. Hammond, chairman of the committee on colored population, to whom was referred the bill from the senate entitled, an act to authorise Wallace Kirkwood, trustee of Clement Kennedy, to bring into this State certain negro slaves, reported favorably thereon;

Read the first and by special order the second time, passed and returned to the senate.

Mr. Le Grand reported a bill entitled, an act supplementary to an act entitled, an act to declare and ascertain the rights of citizens to private roads or ways, passed at Dec. session 1834;

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

Mr. Giles reported a bill entitled, a supplement to the act of 1827, ch. 140 entitled, an act for the education of the indigent deaf and dumb of this State;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Heckart reported a bill entitled, an act for the protection of fisheries on the head waters of the Chesapeake bay;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

The house then took up for consideration bills in order entitled to a second reading.

The first in order is the bill entitled, an act to abolish magistrates courts in Anne Arundel county and Howard districts of Anne Arundel county;

Read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The rule being suspended,

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Ordered, that it be entered on the Journal that Mr. Hammond voted against the bill "abolishing magistrates courts in Anne Arundel county," this day passed by the House of Delegates.