

others of Hampshire county, Virginia, who intend shortly to remove to Allegany county, Maryland, praying the passage of an act to authorise him to bring into this State certain negro slaves, with the privilege to work said slaves in this State and in Virginia at his pleasure;

Read and referred to the committee on colored population.

Also, the petition of Captain George U. Haller asking remuneration for the United Riflemen, in consideration of their services for aiding in suppressing the riots on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in Allegany county;

Read and referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Ridgely asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to authorise the drawing of a lottery for the benefit of female education;

Referred to Messrs. Ridgely, Hammond and Estep.

Mr. Foard asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act for building a bridge over Little Elk Creek, near the Rock Meeting House, in Cecil county, passed at December session 1837, chapter 41;

Referred to Messrs. Foard, Cameron and Heckart.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

Ordered, That the committee on agriculture be instructed to enquire into the propriety of encouraging the growth of silk in this State, by offering a reasonable premium upon cocoons and reeled silk, grown within this State, and report to this house at their earliest convenience.

Mr. Graves submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on agriculture be instructed to report on the propriety of offering a bounty on wheat, corn and tobacco, the staple commodities of the State;

On the question being put,

Will the house adopt said order?

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Mason submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Librarian is authorised and directed to furnish the Register of Wills of Washington county with a copy of the Index of the laws from 1825 to 1831;

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

On motion of Mr. Ridgely,

The said resolution was amended by inserting after the words "Washington county," "and of Howard District;"

The question then recurred on assenting to the said resolution as amended;

And on being put,

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Tuck asked and obtained leave to report a bill, entitled, an act to extend the act, passed December session, 1838, chapter 113, entitled, an act to authorise Thomas M. D. Baden, collector