

WEDNESDAY, January 8th, 1840.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill entitled, an act to repeal an act passed at December session, 1837, chapter 333 ;

Was sent to the senate.

Mr. Newman from the select committee, to whom was referred the report from the clerk and commissioners of Allegany county, reported that the said committee have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to be discharged from further consideration thereof, and that the same may be referred to the committee on ways and means ;

Which was accordingly ordered.

Mr. Hearn presented the petition of George Merrill, a free negro, praying that a law may pass to authorise him to remove from the State of Virginia into this state ;

Read and referred to the committee on colored population.

Mr. Tuck submitted the following resolution :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the privileges of the state library, be extended to the Solicitors in Chancery, during the terms and sessions of that court and their attendance thereon ;

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The Secretary of State delivered the following communication from the Executive :

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On motion of Mr. Risteau,

The house took up for consideration the resolution submitted by him, and which was laid on the table on yesterday, in relation to divorces, to enable him to withdraw it.

Mr. Risteau then submitted the following resolution :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That this Legislature will not receive and act on any testimony brought here to support an application for a divorce, which shall not have been taken up on ten day's notice to the opposite party, of the time, place, and mode, of taking such testimony, except where the opposite party has gone out of the state, and in that case ten days notice, in the public prints, shall be sufficient ; the above resolution shall not apply to any petition already presented to the present Legislature ;

Mr. Spencer moved to strike out all after the word "sufficient" in the eighth line.

Upon the question being put, will the House agree to strike out ;

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Biser moved to reject the said resolution,

On the question being put, will the House agree to reject ;

Determined in the affirmative.