

diem allowance as they would have been entitled to if they had been at all times present.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Selby,

Said order was laid on the table.

Mr. Hammond, chairman of the committee on colored population, to whom was referred the bill entitled, an act to make valid the manumission of negroes Charles and George, under the last will and testament of Elizabeth Sebler, late of Frederick county, deceased, reported unfavorably thereon ;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Winder from the select committee, to whom was referred the bill from the senate entitled, an act for the protection and to provide for the measuring of oysters, reported the same with the following proposed amendments :

Amendments proposed.

After the word "standard" in the last line of the first section insert the words "half bushel."

Strike out the second and fourth sections.

From the title strike out the words "for the protection and ;"

Which were read the first and by special order the second time, and assented to.

On motion of Mr. Martin,

The following was proposed as an amendment : "provided that this act shall not extend to Somerset county alone ;"

Said bill was read the first and by special order the second time, and will pass with the proposed amendments, and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Foard,

The house took up for consideration the bill entitled, an act regulating the manner in which constables' bonds shall be taken in Cecil county and for other purposes ;

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

Mr. Bramwell, from the select committee, to whom was referred the bill from the senate entitled, an act to authorise the commissioners of tax of Carroll county to make an additional allowance for building the court house of said county, reported unfavorably thereon ;

Read the first and by special order the second time, and will not pass, and returned to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Risteau,

Ordered by the House of Delegates, That Abraham Hyam have leave to withdraw from the files of this house his memorial and accompanying papers.

On motion of Mr. Welch, of Annapolis, the house took up for consideration the bill entitled, an act to authorise the construction of a town hall and market house in the city of Annapolis, and to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine hose and apparatus for the security of the public and other property in the said city ;