

act to vest certain powers in the corporation of the city of Baltimore, in relation to the collection of taxes and other claims.

By order,

George G Brewer, clerk.

Mr. Matthews, chairman of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, made favorable reports upon the petitions of Ann Cochran and Catharine Myer, severally praying to be placed on the pension roll, accompanied with the following resolutions:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland, pay to Ann Cochran, or order, during life, the half pay of a private, in consideration of services rendered by her husband, James Cochran, during the revolutionary war.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland pay to Catharine Myer, or order, during life, the half pay of a private, in consideration of services rendered by her husband, John Myer, during the revolutionary war.

Which were severally read the first, and by a special order the second time, the reports severally concurred in, and the resolutions therein contained severally assented to.

Mr. Coad, chairman of the committee on colored population, to which was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of Howard District, praying that the Legislature may afford protection to their negro property, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, asked leave to be discharged from its further consideration, and that it be referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice;

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

Mr. Coad also made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Abraham Lee, (a colored man,) of Harford county, praying an act to confirm a certain bill of sale therein mentioned;

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

Mr. Coad, chairman of the committee on colored population, to which was referred the memorial of Walter Gwynn, of Virginia, praying an act to authorise him to bring into this State certain slaves therein mentioned, reported that his case is provided for by the act of 1839, ch. 15, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof;

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time and concurred in;

Mr. Maccubbin, from the committee on colored population, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of William Brewer, of the city of Annapolis, praying the passage of a law authorising him to manumit a certain negro slave therein mentioned;

Which was read the first and second time by special order;