

enquire into the expediency of so amending the law's on the subject of petition for freedom as to secure the costs incurred in the trial of such petitions.

Mr. Graves obtained leave to bring in a bill to prevent the issue or circulation of small notes;

Ordered, That Messrs. Graves, Causin, and Lecompte, report the same.

On motion of Mr. Boyle,

Ordered, That the committee on colored population, take into consideration, the propriety of abolishing or suspending, or so modifying the law of 1831, chapter 281, entitled an act relating to free people of color in this State, as to make the amount to be expended, correspond with the number of negroes removed;

Mr. Presstman reported a bill entitled an additional supplement to the act, entitled an act for the despatch of business in Baltimore county court, passed at December session, 1828, ch. 161;

Mr. Dorsey reported a bill entitled an act to authorise Perry G. Hobbs, late collector of Howard District in Anne Arundel county, further time to complete his collections of county taxes, in said district:

Mr. Dorsey also reported a bill, entitled an act supplementary to the act passed at December session 1839, ch. 98, to regulate the municipal government of Howard District of Anne Arundel county;

Mr. Lecompte reported a bill, entitled a supplement to an act passed March the twentieth, 1840, entitled an act to provide for the appointing of commissioners to assess and award damages to sundry citizens of Carroll county;

Mr. Jones, of Kent, reported a bill, entitled an act to authorise Aquilla Napoleon Howard Meeks to take and use the name of Howard Meeks; and

Mr. Richardson reported a bill, entitled an act for the relief of the bailiffs of Frederick county court;

Which were severally read the first and by a special order the second time, severally passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Rider, chairman of the select committee, made a favorable report upon the petition of James Brittingham, of Somerset county, praying for relief therein mentioned, accompanied with the following resolution:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor, be and he is hereby authorised and directed to appoint some fit and proper person to value the damages (by the experimental survey of the Eastern Shore Rail Road,) to the property of James Brittingham of Somerset county, and to report the same, on oath to the Governor who is hereby authorised and required to pay the amount to said James Brittingham, or his order.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Frazier,

Referred to the committee on claims.