

And, Mr. Brent presented the petition of the trustees of school district No. 2, in the 3d election district of Charles county, asking the passage of a law for the benefit of the said trustees;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Brent, Bowling and Matthews.

Mr. England obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled an act for the relief of counter securities of executors and administrators;

Ordered. That Messrs. England, Tuck and Prestman, report the same.

Mr. Hooper obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled an act for the benefit of Jephtha Morris, of Worcester county;

Ordered, That Messrs. Hooper, Cathell and Hearn, report the same.

On motion of Mr. Hooper,

Ordered, That he have leave to withdraw from the files of the house, the petition of Anne Dempsey, of Worcester county, praying for a divorce from her husband William Dempsey;

Mr. Nesbitt submitted the following resolution;

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That his Excellency the Governor, be and he is hereby authorised and required forthwith to cause the act entitled "an act regulating the licenses of hawkers and pedlars, and for other purposes," passed at December session 1840, chapter 154, to be published in such newspapers of the State as publish the laws thereof;

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

Mr. William Lynch, from the committee on divorces, made a favorable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled an act to divorce Ruth Smith, from her husband, Samuel R. Smith;

Which was read.

The said bill was then read the second time, by special order, passed and returned to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Williams,

The house took up for consideration the unfavorable report of the committee on colored population, upon the petition of Mrs. Mary Lynn, for and on behalf of Maria Norris, a free colored woman.

The said report was then read the second time.

Mr. Sprigg of Allegany, offered as a substitute for said report, a bill, entitled an act to authorise Maria Norris, a free woman of color, to remain and reside in Allegany county;

Which was read.

Mr. Brent called for the previous question, which being demanded by a majority of the members present, the said previous question was put, that is, shall the main question be now put? and it was

Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, will the house accept the substitute? it was

Determined in the negative.