

consideration thereof, and that the same may be referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice;

Read the first and by special order the second time, concurred in, and the petition accordingly referred.

Also, reported a bill entitled, an act to authorise Martha F. Mason of the District of Columbia to hold and retain in this State negro girl Jane;

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

Mr. Buskirk, chairman of the committee on Internal Improvement, to which was referred the memorial of M. Duvall, praying for relief for damages sustained by him from the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company, reported unfavorably thereon, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

Mr. Hollman, chairman of the committee on Claims, made the following report:

The committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of James C. Turner and others, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to make the following

REPORT:

Whereas, under the act passed at December session 1839, ch. 323, the Treasurer of the Western Shore is authorised to pay the claimants of the Eastern Shore Rail Road in certificates of stock bearing an interest of five per cent.; and whereas, the commissioner of loans is not authorised under said act to issue certificates of stock of a less denomination than one hundred dollars, and the aforesaid claims are less than that amount, and the commissioner of loans having refused to pay said awards of the commissioners of the Eastern Shore Rail Road—therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioner of loans be and he is hereby authorised to issue certificates of stock, bearing an interest of five per cent. per annum, of a less denomination than one hundred dollars, to pay such claimants.

JOSEPH HOLLMAN, Chairman.

Read the first, and by special order the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Biser,
Recommitted to the committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Graves,

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means inquire and report to this House whether the State bonds remaining unsold or not hypothecated, in the hands of the Messrs. Barings of London, may not be withdrawn and placed under the control of the State.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk,

Ordered, That the report of the President and Directors of the