

Mr. Powell reported a bill entitled, an act to regulate the compensation of jurors and witnesses in Worcester county ;

Read the first time and laid on the table.

The rule being suspended,

Mr. Carmichael presented the memorial of one hundred and forty-seven voters of Queen Anne's county, remonstrating against the adoption of the measures recommended in the memorial of the Slave Holders Convention ;

Read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Leave was granted to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to bring in a bill for the relief of John S. Selby, late sheriff of Anne Arundel county.

On motion of Mr. Sutton of Harford,

Leave was granted to withdraw from the files of the House, the petition of Mary McCracken of Harford county.

Mr. Causin submitted the following:

Whereas, in the acts of cession of the States of Maryland and Virginia, ceding to the Congress and government of the United States that portion of territory now called the District of Columbia, it is expressly provided that nothing therein contained shall be construed to vest in the United States any right of property in the soil or to affect the rights of individuals therein, otherwise than the same shall or may be transferred by such individuals to the United States ; And whereas, the inhabitants of said District, have nowhere transferred to the United States any right of dis-possession of property in their slaves or any control over the same.

Be it therefore resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Congress of the United States does not possess the power to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia, and that any such assumption of power would be contrary to the provisions of the Federal Constitution, and in direct violation of the terms and conditions upon which the cession of the District of Columbia was made to the Congress and government of the United States.

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Causin,

Made the order of the day for Thursday week next.

Mr. Johns, chairman of the committee on Divorces, reported a bill entitled, an act to divorce Henry White of Somerset county, from his wife Esther White, a vinculo matrimonii ;

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

The House then took up the bill from the Senate entitled, an act to authorise and require the Court of Appeals for the Western Shore of Maryland at the June term 1842 of the said court, to take up, hear, try and determine a case in said court now depending between Henry Repp Sen. and Daniel Repp and others, appellants, and Henry Repp Jr., Surat D. Warfield and Jacob Fox appellees, the first bill in order entitled to a second reading ;