

dollar and fifty cents each, upon the importation of passengers as provided by the act passed at December session eighteen hundred and thirty-two, chapter three hundred and three, which has not been appropriated to the use of the German Society of Maryland, and the Hibernian Society of Baltimore, by the act passed at December session eighteen hundred and thirty-three, chapter one hundred and seventy-seven—one third part of which shall be appropriated by said trustees to the use of the county, and the other two-thirds to the use of the city of Baltimore, for the purpose of supporting the foreign paupers of said city and county, and to indemnify and save harmless the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the trustees for the poor of Baltimore city and county, as provided by the act to which this is a supplement.”

Which was read, assented to, and

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the bill entitled, an additional supplement to the act entitled, an act to incorporate the Boston and New York Coal Company;

Endorsed “will not pass.”

The Secretary of State delivered the following communication from the Executive :

STATE DEPARTMENT,

March 2nd, 1842.

To the Honorable

*the General Assembly of Maryland :*

I have the honor to transmit the enclosed letter received to-day from J. Meredith, Esq., containing the intelligence, that the Supreme Court of the United States, have unanimously reversed the judgment of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in the case of Prigg against that Commonwealth.

Deeming the decision one of great importance to the citizens of Maryland, I have requested of the clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, to forward to me as early as possible, all the opinions touching the important questions involved in the case. So soon as they are received they will also be submitted to your consideration.

Very respectfully,

FRANCIS THOMAS.

WASHINGTON, March 1st, 1842.

To his Excellency,

*The Governor of Maryland :*

SIR:—I am exceedingly gratified to have it in my power to inform your Excellency, that the Supreme Court of the United States has unanimously reversed the judgment of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in the case of Prigg against that Commonwealth. The points decided by a large majority of the court, are the following:

1st. That the constitutional provision with regard to fugitive