

**COLORED POPULATION**—Memorial of the slaveholders convention presented and referred to the committee on, 131.

Petition of sundry citizens of Dorchester county, respecting the free, presented and referred 132.

Ordered that the committee on, enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill obliging free blacks above the age of twenty-one years, to have their names registered annually by the county clerk or city where they reside, and that the clerk grant a certificate of the same, on their paying a tax of three dollars per head 137.

Leave to the committee on, to bring in a bill authorizing Mrs. Martha F. Mason of the District of Columbia, to retain in this State negro Jane 152; bill reported, passed and sent to the senate 160; returned passed 172.

Leave to the committee on, to bring in a bill to prohibit secret societies of colored persons in this State 226.

Petition of William Browning for permission to bring a colored woman into this State, presented and referred 237; unfavorable report read and concurred in 304.

Leave to the committee on, to bring in a bill to authorize J. H. A. Willson to remove a slave from the District of Columbia to Prince George's county 247.

Report of the committee on, 252. See Document H.

Petition of citizens of Queen Anne's county upon the subject of the, presented and referred 338.

Leave to the committee on, to bring in a bill to authorize Joseph E. Maynadier to bring into the State a negro boy 345.

Petition of Alexander Brown and Sons, William Willson and Sons and others, counter to the passage of the bill for the better security of negro slaves, &c. presented and referred 394.

Leave to the committee on, to bring in a bill for the benefit of Levin Ballard 395; bill reported, passed and sent to the senate 404.

Bill reported from the committee on, for the benefit of Nelly Coffee and her children, passed and sent to the senate 404; returned rejected 537.

Petition of citizens of Queen Anne's county, on the subject of the, referred to the consideration of the senate 434.

Bill reported supplementary to the act relating to free negroes and slaves, read and laid on the table 500; taken up, passed and sent to the senate 570; returned passed 585.

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