

proceeded in the examination, flattering myself that perhaps the information given as to the number of suits now pending, may answer the objects contemplated by the order.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LOUIS GASSAWAY,

Reg. Cur. Can.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Thomas, of Talbot,  
Referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

Mr. Polk submitted the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, it is extremely difficult for masters to recover runaway slaves, who have escaped into any of the free States, in many cases such slaves being forcibly rescued after arrest and before removal ; and whereas, such rescue is often made by persons owning little or no property, and the owner of such slaves, even where judgments have been obtained against such aggressors, are unable to enforce payment of the damages recovered, Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be requested to use their exertions to effect the passage of a law by that body, making the rescue of any runaway slave from the master or person authorised to apprehend the same, a criminal offence punishable by imprisonment in all cases where the party offending shall not be able to remunerate the injured party in damages.

Be it further resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, is hereby requested to forward a copy of this preamble and resolutions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress ;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Carey reported a bill entitled, an act to authorise the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to continue Short street from Jefferson street to McElderry street ;

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

Mr. Chapman, chairman of the committee on Corporations, made favorable reports upon the following bills, viz :

The bill reported by Mr. Yellott entitled, an act supplementary to an act passed at Dec. session 1842, ch. 174, relating to the Tide Water Canal ;

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Carey,

Ordered to be printed.

And the bill entitled, an act to renew the charter of the Havre de Grace Bank, with modifications ;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Chapman,

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chapman, chairman of same committee, to which was referred the bill reported by Mr. Levering entitled, an act to incor-