

Ordered, That the committee on Elections and Privileges, be instructed to enquire into and report to this House, to what extent the practice of bribery has been carried in the late State elections, and that they also report to this House some proper and effectual means by which the bribery of voters, and other corrupt practices in violation of the election laws may be prevented, and the purity of the elective franchise may be maintained.

The bill reported by Mr. Gallagher, chairman of the committee on Corporations, entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to incorporate the Superannuated Fund Society of the Maryland Annual Conference, passed at December session 1839, chapter 285;

Was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the Senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Shriver, entitled, a further supplement to an act relating to the manumission of negro slaves;

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Purnell moved to amend said bill by adding at the end of the first section thereof the following: "and subject also to the provisions of the act of 1831, chapter 281."

On motion of Mr. Biser,

Said bill and amendment was postponed until Thursday next 16th instant.

The bill reported by Mr. Gallagher, chairman of the committee on Corporations, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Taneytown, Carroll county;

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Baltimore City,

Said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city,

The bill reported by him, entitled, an act regulating the sessions of the Court of Appeals of the Western Shore, and providing for the trial of causes therein; was recommitted.

Mr. Potter presented the petition of Joseph Brown, of Philadelphia, praying to be authorised to remove certain negro slaves from the State of Delaware into this State;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city, reported a bill entitled, an act relating to the practice of the Court of Appeals in certain cases;

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

On motion of Mr. Randall,

Leave was granted Messrs. Randall, Stewart, Sprigg, of Alleghany, Hollyday, of Cecil, and Archer, to bring in a bill to establish an arbitration system for the more speedy and cheap administration of justice in this State.

The clerk of the senate returned the resolutions in favor of the legal representatives of Milly Power;

Endorsed, "assented to," and ordered to be engrossed.