

Mr. Amos presented the petition of James Fisher, of Harford county, praying that the commissioners of said county may be authorised to levy a certain sum of money therein mentioned ;

Which was read and referred to the Harford county delegation.

Mr. Fooks reported a bill entitled, an act concerning the draining of swamps and low grounds, by the laying out and opening of public ditches, and

Mr. Worthington, of Baltimore County, from the committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill entitled, an act to provide for the registry of free negroes and mulattoes ;

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

Mr. Biser reported a bill entitled, an act to confirm and make valid the proceedings of Jacob Summers, of J. a justice of the peace of Frederick county ;

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

Mr. Johnson, of Anne Arundel, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorised to employ some competent person or persons to make out an Index to the Laws and Resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland, from December session 1836, to December session 1844 inclusive, and that two hundred and fifty copies of the same be printed under his direction, and that he draw on the Treasurer for such sums as may be necessary, to defray the expenses thereof not exceeding the expense usual for similar work, and that ten copies be distributed to each of the counties of this State ;

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time, and

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Baltimore City,

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 15th, 1845.

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The Speaker laid before the House, a report from W. M. Medcalf, clerk of the city court of Baltimore, in obedience to the order of the House of Delegates of the 4th inst. ;