

a free man of colour, of Worcester county, to set free his wife and children, who are his slaves for life,

Which was read the first time and referred to the committee on colored population.

Mr. Hamblton from the committee on divorces, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to divorce Elizabeth Bomgardner of Frederick county, from her husband Henry Bomgardner, reported favorably thereon.

It was being read the second time, when

Mr. Bowie moved to amend the bill by striking out the words at the end of the 1st section *a vinculo matrimonii* and inserting the words *a mensa et thoro*. The question was put and determined in the negative.

The bill was then read through the second and by special order the third time, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Ricaud from the committee on invalid deeds and defective proceedings, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the infant children of Lillias M. Jones, late of Charles county, deceased, reported that the committee had had said bill under consideration, and were of opinion it ought to pass, with the following amendment,

Which was read and assented to:

Strike out the second section.

The bill was then read the second and by special order the third time, passed and returned to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Ricaud from the committee on invalid deeds and defective proceedings, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act to make valid a certain instrument of writing therein mentioned, and for other purposes, reported favorable thereon.

It was read the second time,

Mr. Ricaud from the committee on invalid deeds and defective proceedings, to which was referred the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Elizabeth McCabe, of Baltimore city, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second time.

Mr. Ricaud from the committee on invalid deeds and defective proceedings, to which was referred the petition of James Mansfield Jr. reported a bill entitled, an act to