

education to Anne Arundel county court, the slave would be transported. The ground of the application to the Legislature, for a special act is, that Anne Arundel county court will not be in session until the latter part of April next, and during all the intermediate time, the slave must be detained in jail in order to protect his mistress from the outrages to which she might be subjected, if she should be persuaded to take a slave of such bad character to his home. If there was no other inducement to the passage of this bill, which is now returned to your honorable body, we would respectfully, suggest, that a regard for the interests of the slave himself, seems to require that he should be transported. His condition elsewhere can hardly be more uncomfortable than it must be whilst he is in confinement in a common jail. The only defect in the evidence offered, seems to be, that it is not known that the slave has been warned of the consequences which might flow from his misconduct. If it should turn out in fact that no such admonition was given to the slave, it would not conclude us to reject the bill. The policy of the law is to permit the removal of slaves of notoriously bad habits, and whenever gross misconduct is shown which destroys all reasonable expectation of a reformation in conduct, the slave may justly be subjected to the punishment of immediate transportation. It is already shown, that the slave is unwilling to return to his mistress. If your honorable body should think it more expedient to give to any judicial tribunal the power of determining the propriety of removing the slave beyond the limits of this state we would not object to an amendment which will confer that power on the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel county, which court has weekly sessions and from its organization, may safely be entrusted with the power of judging between the slave and his mistress.

By order,

G. G. Brewer, Clk.

Also, the following resolutions:

A resolution in favor of Julia Gwyn,

A resolution in favor of Mary Ford,

A resolution in favor of Mary Smith, and

A resolution in favor of George Bowers,

Which were severally read the first time and referred to the committee on revolutionary claims.