

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

A bill entitled, an act to authorise the commissioners of the tax of Frederick county to appoint an assessor to value certain property in Frederick county,

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Sehley, Tidball and Jones.

A bill entitled, an act relating to the levy court of Montgomery county,

Which was read the first time and referred to Messrs. Bowie, Kent and Tidball.

A bill entitled, an act to divorce Henrietta Reid of Frederick county, from her husband William P. Reid,

A bill entitled, an act to divorce Eliza Anne Boyd of Kent county, from her husband James Boyd,

A bill entitled, an act to divorce Lucy O'Brien, from her husband William O'Brien, and

A bill entitled, an act to divorce Julia Anne Becker of the city of Baltimore, from her husband John H. Becker,

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

And returned the bill entitled, an act to regulate the manner of taking testimony in cases of equity, endorsed, "disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate, receded from and agreed to with the proposed amendment,— and the disagreement to the second amendment of the Senate adhered to"

The said proposed amendment was as follows:

Insert the following:

Sec. 1, Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases now pending, or which may hereafter be instituted in the chancery court, or any county court, sitting as a court of equity; upon the filing of the answer of any infant defendant or defendants, taken in the manner now prescribed by law and the practice in chancery, admitting the facts stated in the bill or making no defence to the claim of the complainant, a commission to take testimony may issue in the usual form, at the instance of the complainant or complainants which commission shall be directed to such person or persons of the said county, as the Chancellor or the said county court, sitting as a court of equity; on the application of the complainant, may direct.