

act to authorise him to bring into this State, a certain negro slave therein named;

Which was read and referred to the committee on the coloured population.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,

Ordered, that he have leave to withdraw from the files of the house, the paper relating to the case of Mary Becker of the city of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Eccleston,

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice, enquire into the expediency of making official bonds operative as judgments against the parties from the date of their execution.

On motion of Mr. Brengle,

Ordered, that the committee of ways and means enquire into the expediency of the State's subscribing for stock in the Merchants' Bank of Baltimore, in pursuance of the second section of the charter thereof.

On motion of Mr. Tuck,

Ordered, that he have leave to withdraw from the files of the house, the petition and papers of Benjamin Hopkins, of Prince George's county.

On motion of Mr. Gough,

Ordered, that he have leave to withdraw from the files of the house, the petition and papers relative to John Hanna, of Harford county.

On motion of Mr. Shower,

Ordered, that the committee on the militia enquire into the expediency of continuing in their respective offices, those commissioned officers in the militia of this State, who forfeited their commissions by not reporting themselves to the Adjutant General, as required by an act passed December session, 1835, chap. 295, and whose vacancies are not already filled by the Executive.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message

By the Senate,

December 27, 1836.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee on the Library, and assent thereto. We have appointed Messrs. Schley, Bowie and Ricaud on the part of the Senate, to unite with the gentlemen named by you.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Clerk.

Which was read.