

Mr. McLean presented additional testimony in the case of Elizabeth Harvey praying for a divorce, which he requested might be filed with the papers in her case;

Which was read, and filed accordingly.

Mr. Bowlus presented a petition of Catharine Goings, of Frederick county, praying to be divorced from her husband James Goings;

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Comegys presented a petition of Hyland B. Pennington, of the city of Baltimore, praying the passage of an act to authorise him to bring into this State a negro therein named for a term of years;

Which was read, and referred to Messrs. Comegys, McLean and Gough.

Mr. Hopewell presented a memorial of sundry citizens of St. Mary's county, praying the passage of an act authorising the levy court of said county to erect a bridge over St. Joseph's Run, in said county;

Which was read, and referred to Messrs. Hopewell, Ford and Harris.

Mr. Maulsby submitted the following preamble and order:

Whereas, certain fees and charges are provided and allowed by law to lawyers, clerks, and registers, and a summary remedy given for their collection by the sheriff, and the same, when sent out are not, and from their nature cannot be fully understood by the people, who are nevertheless compellable to pay them, or encounter the expensive and vexatious consequences of a law suit; and whereas no facilities ought to be granted to any one or more classes of our citizens for the collection of their debts, not common to the whole community, therefore,

Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice inquire into the expediency of abolishing all lawyers, clerks and registers fees, as now established by law, and of giving to clerks and registers fixed and certain salaries, with leave to report by bill or otherwise;

Which were twice read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Comegys,

Ordered, that the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying an alteration in the mode of collecting small debts out of court, and for other purposes therein mentioned, be withdrawn from the files of this house, and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.