

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice enquire into the expediency of reducing into one the various laws on the subject of testamentary affairs, and the duty of executors and administrators.

Mr. Tuck, from the joint committee on the library, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that the clerks of the Courts of Appeals for the Eastern and Western Shores, the Register and Auditor in Chancery, the Examiners General for the Eastern and Western Shores, the Professors for the time being of St. John's College, and all ex-members of the Executive Council, while at the seat of Government, shall have as free access to and use of the State Library as the members of the Legislature now have;

Which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and assented to.

Mr. Ridgely reported a bill, entitled, a supplement to the act to incorporate the Hamilton Bank, passed at December session 1835, chap. 320;

Which was read the first time,—And,

On motion of Mr. Ridgely,

Referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Mann reported a bill entitled, an act to establish a public ferry across the Potomac river at Hancock, in Washington county;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill reported by Mr. Hicks, entitled, an act to prohibit the owners of vessels and others from navigating the same by and under the sole command of negroes and mulattoes, was taken up for consideration;

On motion of Mr. Eccleston,

Said bill was amended, by inserting after the word "hired," in the first section and third line, the word "in whole."

On motion of Mr. Hicks,

Said bill was amended by striking out in the first section sixth line, the word "free."

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Said bill was further amended by striking out in the fifth section the words "of condemnation," and filling the blank in said section with "five dollars."

The said bill having been read through as amended,

The question was put, shall the said bill pass?

Resolved in the affirmative.