

of that act, the case of the said negro is amply provided for by the act of 1832, ch. 296; and if the contract was made subsequently to the act of 1831, above referred to, it is against the policy of the present laws of the State upon the subject of slavery, to grant the relief prayed for in the petition. The committee therefore ask to be discharged from further considering the subject, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Tuck, Chairman.

Which was read the first, and by a special order the second time, and concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan,

Ordered, that the Executive of this State furnish to this house, as speedily as may be compatible with his other duties, all of the information he may be possessed of, relative to the services and duties performed by the Geologist and Topographical Engineer of this State within the past year, and what length of time it will, in his opinion, require to perform the duties contemplated by the creation of those offices.

Mr. Handy, from the committee on coloured population, reported a bill entitled, an act to authorise Samuel Harman, a free man of colour, of Worcester county, to set free his wife and children, who are his slaves for life;

Which was read the first, and by special order, the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Culbreth,

The house took up for consideration the second resolution in the report submitted by him on the 7th inst., from the joint committee on the State Library, on the part of the House of Delegates, in relation to directing the Librarian to prepare a new catalogue of the books belonging to the Library.

The said resolution was then read the second time and assented to.

The communication from the Executive, received from the Senate on yesterday, enclosing a copy of a report and resolution passed by the Legislature of Georgia, on the subject of the Surplus Revenue of the United States proposed to be deposited among the States, was taken up for consideration;

Mr. Ely moved to refer said communication and report to the committee on manufactures.

Mr. Culbreth moved to refer them to a select committee; Determined in the negative.