

in the hope that you will reconsider and pass it. The object of the bill is to enable the petitioner to bring certain slaves into this State, subject to the existing laws, upon his oath, instead of that of the donor, under the act of 1835, chap. 61. The peculiar circumstances of this case,—presenting very great difficulties in availing himself of the generosity of the donor, if he be held to a strict compliance with the provisions of the existing laws—furnish in our opinion, sufficient justification for excepting this case from the operation of those acts, to the extent prayed for. All the more material requirements will be complied with, and the State lose nothing by granting this application. The policy of the State will not be affected, because the negroes are now permitted to be brought in,—the only desire is to change the terms on which their introduction may take place.

Mr. Crisfield, from the select committee, made a favorable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, an act to authorise the Clerk of Somerset county Court, to record a certain deed therein mentioned;

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

Mr. Tuck reported a bill, entitled, on act to authorise Benjamin Simpson, of Prince George's county; to institute suit against the Levy Court of said county;

And, Mr. Carpinter, chairman of the committee on divorces, reported a bill, entitled, an act to divorce Sarah Sophia Neville, of Cecil county, from her husband, Thos. Neville;

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

Mr. Tuck presented a report of the Trustees of the Upper Marlborough Academy, in Prince George's county, relative to the condition of said Academy;

Which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Matthias reported a bill, entitled, an act authorising the commissioners of the tax of Carroll county, to appoint Constables and other officers of Carroll county, and borrow money;

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

On motion of Mr. Carpinter,

The house took up for consideration the bill reported by him entitled, a further supplement to an act entitled,