

for examination would admit of, and beg leave to submit the following report.

The committee would express their regret that this subject was not referred to their consideration, at an earlier period of the session, when they would have had full time to view it in all its various aspects, and when the house could have considered their report calmly and deliberately. As it is however, even should your committee determine to report favourably, and to introduce a bill for the abolition of imprisonment for debt in certain cases, there is hardly enough of the present session remaining for the legislature to act upon it.

Under these circumstances, the committee do not think it necessary or proper to express any opinion upon the subject, but would respectfully recommend its reference to the next General Assembly; they therefore beg leave to be discharged from its further consideration.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Gordon M. Handy, from

the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

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

On motion of Mr. Kershner, the house took up for consideration the bill from the senate, entitled, an act for the relief of George Fouke, and Elizabeth his wife, and Henry and Lewis Fouke, and the unfavourable report of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, recommending the rejection of said bill;

On motion of Mr. Kershner, said bill was recommitted.

Mr. Culbreth, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, to which was referred the bill, entitled, an act to authorise the clerk of Kent county court, to record a certain instrument of writing therein mentioned, and to make the same valid, reported the same without amendment;

Which was read the first time.

The said bill was then read the second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Handy from the committee on colored population, made an unfavorable report upon bill reported by Mr. Richardson, entitled, an act for the relief of Charlotte Sellman, a colored girl of Anne Arundel county,

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

Mr. Tuck chairman of the committee on colored population, made an unfavorable report upon the bill reported