

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

Mr. Handy, from the committee on coloured population, made an unfavourable report upon the order of the house requiring said committee to enquire into the expediency of allowing Doctor Spencer Mitchell, of Prince George's county, the privilege of removing to the State of Virginia, a negro man for a term of years;

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

Mr. Handy, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, made an unfavourable report upon the petition of Thomas L. Lockett, deputy collector for Charles county, praying further time to complete his collections;

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

Mr. Tuck, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, made an unfavourable report upon the memorial and counter memorial of Martha Turner, and Edward Turner, of Charles county;

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

Mr. Culbreth, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, made an unfavourable report upon the memorial of Valereus Dukehart, and others praying relief from certain grievances therein mentioned;

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

Mr. Handy, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, delivered the following report.

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Warnsley, praying that a certain will therein mentioned may be made valid, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report.

The committee cannot see why the laws should require certain forms and solemnities in the instruments, by which property are to be transmitted from one to another, if the legislature upon every application, must sanction the grossest violations of those requisition, and heal the most glaring defects. If so it would be as well at once to abolish all the rules and regulations which it has been deemed necessary to institute for the security of property, and convert the legislature itself into a grand supervisory body, to pronounce upon the validity of instruments, to set in judgment