

restrictions on the free negroes of this State, as will encourage their emigration, there from, by preventing them from pursuing for a livelihood, any business, mechanic art or trade, by which they may come in competition with the white citizens of this State.

On motion of Mr. Geyer,

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

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SATURDAY, December, 30th, 1837.

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The speaker laid before the house reports from the clerks of Frederick and Baltimore county courts, relative to the attendance of the judges,

Also, a report of the chief judge of the orphans' court of Allegany county, relative to the condition of the records in the registers office in said county,

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

The speaker also laid before the house reports from the clerk of Baltimore county court, and Register of the western shore land office, and of Richard H. Hall, one of the State's tobacco inspectors, relative to the several sums of money paid by them into the western shore treasury within the year ending on 30th November,

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on ways and Means.

The resolution authorising the treasurer to pay the members and officers of the legislature such sums as they may receive orders for from the committee on claims,

Was sent to the senate.

Mr. Gallagher presented the following petitions, viz:—

The petition of Ann Lloyd, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be divorced from her husband, James Lloyd;

The petition of Samuel Keplinger, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be divorced from his wife, Mary Keplinger; And

The petition of Elizabeth Jane Kerner, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be divorced from her husband, Henry F. Kerner,

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Geyer presented a petition of Joseph Holland, praying an increase of pension for services rendered in the revolutionary war,

Which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Frazier presented a petition of Eliza Harding, of Dorchester county, praying for a divorce, a vinculo matrimonii, from her husband, Matthew Harding,

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.