

Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, reported a bill, entitled, an act to reduce the capital of the Frederick County Bank, and for other purposes;

Also, reported a bill, entitled, a supplement to the act for the promotion of internal improvement, passed at the adjourned May session 1836, ch. 395;

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

On motion of Mr. Geyer, the house adjourned until four o'clock, P. M.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Risteau presented a petition of John W. Dexter, praying to be divorced from his wife Hannah B. Dexter;

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Giles presented a memorial of John S. Skinner, praying that certain provision be made by the legislature, for the wide and cheap diffusion of authentic information on agricultural subjects, among the people of Maryland;

Which was read and referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Giles also presented a petition of James Shuter and others, praying for the opening of High street, in the city of Baltimore;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Giles, McKinnell and Hillen.

Mr. Kerr, chairman of the committee on colored population, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of William P. Sterrett and William Lockwood, contractors on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, asking to introduce into this State, a negro man for a limited period;

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

Mr. Kerr, chairman of the committee on colored population, delivered the following report:

The committee on colored population, to whom was referred leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an additional supplement to an act, entitled, an act relating to free negroes and slaves, passed at December session 1831, chapter 323,

REPORT:

That the change now contemplated, is against the policy of the original act, and is deemed by your committee inexpedient and unnecessary.

Such further restrictions, as this proposed supplement to the act of 1831, would introduce upon citizens having free negroes in their employ, from counties adjacent to them, are calculated to injure the agricultural interest. The committee abstain from any remarks upon its manifest injustice—and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.