

On motion of Mr. Giles, said bill was read a second time by a special order, passed and returned to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the house took up for consideration the bill reported by him, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act relating to free negroes and mulattoes;

On motion of Mr. Simmons, said bill was amended by adding at the end thereof, as an additional section, the following—

Be it enacted, that if any free negro, mulatto or slave shall take and carry away any corn from the stalk, growing or standing in the ground, belonging to another person or persons, with the unlawful intent of appropriating the same to his own use, without the consent of the owner thereof, he shall be liable to be punished in the same manner as if he had been convicted of feloniously stealing and carrying away corn already gathered, of a like or equal value.

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Ordered, that the bills reported by the select committee, raised for the purpose, as proper to be acted on at the present session, shall be taken up in their present order on the files; and that the bills reported as proper to be referred to the consideration of the next General Assembly, shall be laid on the table, and shall not be taken up for consideration in any manner, until the bills, ranged in the class to be acted on, shall have been disposed of by the house.

Mr. Harrison, chairman of the select committee, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of James Merrick and others, citizens of Queen Anne's county, praying the passage of a law authorising the opening of a continuous ditch, down the South East Branch, in said county, under the direction of commissioners.

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

Mr. Grason, chairman of the select committee, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Thomas C. Earle, Register of Wills of Queen Anne's county, praying the passage of an act to authorise the levy court of said county, to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned;

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

Messrs. Hopewell and Huddleson, of the joint committee on the part of this house, to wait on His Excellency the Governor, and to invite his attendance in the Senate Chamber this evening, for the purpose of signing and sealing such of the engrossed bills passed at the present session, as have not been signed, reported that the said committee had discharged the duty assigned them, and that the Governor gave for answer that he would accordingly attend in the Senate Chamber at the time appointed, for the purpose above mentioned.

The bill reported by Mr. Ford, chairman pro. tem. of the com-