

By the Senate,
March 8, 1838.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We herewith return the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled, an act supplementary to an act entitled, an act to appoint commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Chestertown, in Kent county, and for other purposes, and which was amended in your honorable body, and respectfully ask you to reconsider and recede from said amendments.

By order,
Jos. H. Nicholson, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message, and the resolutions therein referred to.

By the House of Delegates,
March 7, 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message of the 1st inst, and the accompanying resolutions, "declaratory of the rights of the citizens of Maryland over their fugitive slaves, and the basis of the measures which may be adopted to maintain them." We concur in the suggestion of your message, and have assented to your resolutions, so amended, as to authorise the appointment of a commissioner to carry their object into effect.

By order,
G. G. Brewer, clk.

The said resolutions were endorsed "assented to with the proposed amendments."

Which amendments were read, and were as follows:

1st. Strike out all after the word "States," in the last line, and insert the following resolution.

"Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, be and he is hereby authorised and requested to appoint some suitable person, as a commissioner, to repair to Harrisburgh, Pennsylvania, and endeavor to procure the dismissal of the prosecutions pending against the said Nathan S. Bemis, Jacob Forwood, Edward Prigg and Stephen Lewis, citizens of Maryland, or make such arrangements as may be necessary to refer the questions involved, to the Supreme Court of the United States, without compromising the liberty of the accused; and obtain such modification of the laws of Pennsylvania, as will preserve the rights of slave-holders, and cherish good will between the two States; and the Treasurer of the Western Shore is hereby authorised and directed to pay out of any money not otherwise appropriated, such amount as the Legislature may allow to the said commissioner, as a compensation for the services contemplated by these resolutions."

Also delivered the following resolutions:

A resolution releasing the securities of Marcy Fountain, former collector of Caroline county, from certain interest therein mentioned,