

The bill to provide for the payment of jurors in Frederick county, was read a third time by special order, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill authorising the levy court of Washington county, to repair or rebuild the bridge over Conococheague creek, at Williamsport, was read a third time by special order, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The bill to authorise the levy court of Frederick county to levy a sum of money, for the purposes therein mentioned; was read a third time by special order, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the bill to authorise William Plummer, of Montgomery county, to manumit the negro therein mentioned, with the following message, which was read:

By the House of Delegates.

February 18, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill, entitled, "an act to authorise William Plummer, of Montgomery county, to manumit the negro therein named. We think this a case entitled to legislative aid; the negro man whose manumission is provided for by this bill, is represented as being honest and industrious, and having acted as a freeman some years, it is represented to us and believed to be true, that he has collected together something considerable for his future support; and the object in view in authorising his manumission, is to enable him to make legal contracts, and to invest in some way the rewards of his industry with safety — We apprehend that the object of the law prohibiting the manumission of slaves over forty-five years of age, was to prevent persons manumitting; their old and worn out slaves to become chargeable to their respective counties, and as this bill leaves this negro in precisely the same situation that he is now in, as to his claims for support, in case he shall become unable to procure a subsistence, and provides that he shall in no event come upon the county for support. We cannot see any evil to be apprehended from the passage of the bill; we therefore hope upon further consideration you will pass the bill, either in its present shape, or with such amendments as you may think necessary.

By order,

John Brewer, Clk.

On motion, the senate reconsidered the bill to authorise William Plummer, to manumit the negro therein named; the same having been read, was passed, and returned to the House of delegates.