

of the bill may require, to be appointed by the chair, unless otherwise ordered by the senate," which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Herbert offered the following message which was read, assented to, and sent to, the house of delegates.

By the Senate, January 17th, 1827.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message of this morning in relation to the library of the state, and concur in the adoption of the course you have proposed for its gradual increase and preservation, we have appointed messrs. Herbert, Heath and Rees, on our part to unite with the gentlemen named by your honorable body for the purposes contemplated.

By order,

Wm. Kilty, Clk.

Mr. Dennis from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Negro Esther and others her descendants, reported, that the committee had had the same under consideration and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendments, viz. strike out all the 1st section after the word "court" in the second line thereof, and insert the following "and he is hereby required to record the certificate of John Gill bearing date the eleventh of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, with the accompanying affidavit, and the certificate of Arnold Boone, bearing date the fifteenth day of December eighteen hundred and twenty six, and the certificate of Elizabeth Hughes, bearing date the eighteenth of December, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, and the said certificate when so rendered shall have the same operation and effect to secure freedom to the said Esther and her child Nancy, and such of the descendants of the said Negro Esther as have been born since the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four, which a deed of manumission executed by the said John Gill attested, acknowledged and recorded according to law, would or could have had.

Which amendments were read and assented to, the bill was then read a second, and by special order a third time, passed with the proposed amendments and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Dennis from the committee to whom was referred the bill to make valid a deed from John Miles, to John Colbourn, late of Somerset county deceased, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration and were of opinion that it ought to pass, the bill was then read a second time.

Mr. Marriott offered the following message which was read and laid on the table.