

valid and confirm the proceedings of Elijah Melson, as a Justice of the Peace for Worcester county, reported favorably thereon; the bill was then read the second, and by special order the third time and passed.

The President laid before the Senate the report of the commissioners appointed by the Governor and Council to repair to Harrisburgh to remonstrate against the conduct of the State of Pennsylvania, in erecting artificial obstructions to the navigation of the river Susquehanna, and to endeavor to procure the removal of all such obstructions; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Mr. Taney, submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were read the first time.

WHEREAS, recent occurrences in this State, as well as in other States of our Union, have impressed more deeply upon our minds the necessity of devising some means, by which we may facilitate the removal of the free persons of color from our state, and from the United States; And

Whereas, an appropriation by Congress for the above object, would greatly relieve the states, from the otherwise heavy burdens of taxation, for that purpose; Therefore,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives requested to use their exertions to obtain such aid from our National Treasury towards the furtherance of the above object as may be in accordance with the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, further, That should the aid of the National Government be withheld, because it is believed that the power to legislate on the subject is not granted to Congress by the Constitution, that then our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to propose such amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as will enable Congress to make such appropriation.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, Mr. Pigman was substituted for Mr. Chapman in the committee, to which was referred, a bill, entitled, an act to authorise Joseph Stewart, of Dorchester county, to sell the negro man therein named; and, on the further motion of Mr. Dennis, the said committee was enlarged, and made to consist of Messrs. Dennis, Sappington, Pigman, Page and Wootton.

Mr. Emory from the joint committee appointed to wait on the Governor elect and request his attendance in the Senate chamber to qualify according to the Constitution and