

in addition to the sum charged for the recording the same, the sum of five cents for each deed or writing from the person or persons chargeable with the cost of such recording.

“And be it enacted, That the clerk of any county court shall be and he is hereby required to examine and correct and certify under seal of such court one copy of such original deed or writing which shall be tendered to him for his examination and certificate aforesaid by or on behalf of each of any grantees in such deed or writing; for which service and act such clerk shall receive twice the sum now chargeable for the affixing of the seal of the county court to any certificate.

“And be it enacted, That where any of the parties to any deed shall cause any one duplicate of said original deed or writing to be duly executed and acknowledged, it shall be the duty of the said clerk to compare such duplicate with such original deed or writing, and to certify by endorsement of the said duplicate its conformity to the original and the time when such original was received to be recorded and was recorded, and such duplicate thus certified shall have the same effect as any original of such deeds or writings thus endorsed as to the recording as aforesaid or being received to be recorded; and for his services aforesaid such clerk shall be entitled to have twice the sum now chargeable by him for making search for any deed or conveyance relating to land.”

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Taney from the joint committee on the subject of the condition of the colored population of this state, reported a bill, entitled, an act relating to the free colored population of this state, which was read the first time.

Mr. Montgomery from the committee to which was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Harford counties, reported;

A bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to authorise the levy courts of Baltimore and Harford counties, to build a bridge over the Little Gunpowder Falls, at Lee's Mill on the road leading from Baltimore to Belle-Air, which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Pigman, the bill, entitled, a supplement to the act, entitled, an act to provide a summary mode of recovering possessions of lands and tenements, holden by tenants for years or at will, after the expiration of their