

Mr. Mayer presented the memorial of Jesse Hunt and others, praying the incorporation of the Mount Hope College. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Mayer, Morris and Emory.

The clerk of the House of Delegates delivered a resolution authorising the Register of the Land Office to issue a patent to Elisha Wright, on two certificates of resurvey. Which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on Invalid Deeds and Defective Proceedings.

Mr. Chapman, from the committee, to which was referred the bill entitled, An act to explain an act of Assembly, passed at December session 1831, chapter 323, entitled, An act relating to free negroes and slaves, reported, that the committee had had said bill under consideration, and were of opinion it ought to pass with the following amendments. Which were read the first time:

Add the following additional sections:

“*And be it enacted*, That whenever any person, originally a citizen of this state, who shall have removed from this state into any adjoining state, district or territory, shall become desirous of returning to this state, with the *bona fide* intention of taking up his or her permanent residence in this state, it shall and may be lawful for each and every such person so desirous of returning into the State of Maryland, to import and bring with him or her, into this state, any time hereafter, all such slaves, and their increase, who are slaves for life, as he or she may have originally taken from this state: *Provided*, a list of said slaves, specifying their ages, names and sex, be left for record with the clerk of the county court of the county into which said slaves are so removed, within thirty days from the day of the introduction of said slaves into this state; to which list there shall be attached the affidavit of the owner of said slaves, setting forth that it is his or her *bona fide* intention to become an inhabitant of this state, and that each and every slave, so by him or her introduced into the State of Maryland, are slaves originally by him or her removed from this state, or their increase.

“*And be it enacted*, That in all cases where the wife or husband of or the male or female united in wedlock with any slave, held and owned in this state by any citi-