

Messrs. Pigman, Wootton, Morris, Dennis and Hughlett.

By order,

Joseph H. Nicholson, Clk.

The clerk of the House of Delegates delivered a resolution requiring the treasurer of the Western Shore to carry to the tobacco warehouse sinking fund, a sum of money therein mentioned, which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on finance.

Also the following bills:

A bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Commercial Savings Institution of Baltimore, which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Morris, Sappington and Hughlett.

A bill entitled, an act to authorise the levy court of Dorchester county, to appoint an additional constable in the town of Cambridge, in said county, which was read the first time, and referred to Messrs. Dennis, Wootton and Montgomery.

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being 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," with the amendments heretofore reported. The said amendments were read, and on motion of Mr. Pigman were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sappington then offered the following amendments, which were read the first time.

At the end of the bill add the following:

"Whereas several colored persons prior to the passage of the law passed at the last session, viz: an act entitled, "An act relating to people of color in this state," obtained deeds of manumission, which have not been recorded, prior to said act, whereby they will be compelled to leave the state, or relinquish their freedom.

*Be it enacted,* That any deed of manumission, so executed and duly attested, and acknowledged, and failing to be recorded, shall, if it be recorded before the first day of May next, be as valid, as if recorded prior to the passage of said act, and it shall be the duty of each and every clerk to record such deed, when presented to them before the first day of May next.