

On motion of Mr. Dennis, the amendment heretofore reported was read and assented to.

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On motion of Mr. Dennis, the following were read and assented to as additional sections to the bill.

“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 August 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 August next.

And whereas several deeds of bargain and sale have been executed prior to the passage of an act entitled, an act relating to the people of color in this State, passed at December session, 1831, chapter 281, conveying certain slaves for a limited period to the bargainers therein mentioned, and after the expiration of said period declaring said slaves free, which deeds have been neither attested by two witnesses, or been recorded prior to the passage of said act, whereby such slaves are deprived of the benefits intended by said deeds.

Be it enacted, That such deeds if recorded prior to the first day of August next, shall be as valid as if they had been attested according to law, and recorded prior to the passage of said act.

On motion of Mr. Dennis the bill was then ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Pigman the bill entitled, a further supplement to an act entitled, an act to establish a bank, and incorporate a company under the name of the Cumberland Bank of Allegany, was taken up for consideration, and whilst it was progressing in the second reading, on the further motion of

Mr. Pigman, the following amendments were read and assented to: