

consideration, and whilst progressing in the second reading,

On motion of Mr. Page was further amended by inserting the words "of the union" after the word "district" in the third line of the second section.

On motion of Mr. Mayer, the following amendments were read and assented to:

Strike out the 5th section and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"And be it enacted, That when any citizen of this state who may be the owner of land in an adjoining state which he or she has been in the habit or may be desirous of working with the labor of slaves owned by such citizen, he or she shall be permitted to bring into this state such slave or slaves whenever his or her convenience may require; provided such slaves shall have resided in and been removed by such citizen from this state."

At the end of the bill add:

"And be it enacted, That any deeds of manumission executed before the passage of the act of December session 1831, ch. 323, and attested only by one witness shall be as good and effectual to all intents and purposes as if they had been attested by two witnesses and according to law; and a copy from the record of any such deed shall have the same effect as if said deed had been duly attested as aforesaid."

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

On motion of Mr. Morris, the bill entitled, a further supplement to an act entitled, an act to erect Baltimore town in Baltimore county into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, was recommitted to Messrs Morris, Montgomery and Hughlett.

Mr. Mayer from the committee on judicial proceedings to which was referred the bill entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act to enlarge the bounds of Centreville, and for other purposes, reported favorably thereon.

It was read the second and by special order the third time and passed.

Mr. Groome and Mr. Claude who were appointed in conjunction with a committee of the house of delegates to wait