

The bill was then passed.

Mr. Mayer from the committee on judicial proceedings to which was referred the resolution in favor of Bene S. Pigman and Joseph J. Merrick, reported that the committee had had said resolution under consideration, and were of opinion it ought not to be assented to,

It was read the second and by special order the third time, dissented from and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Mayer submitted the following message:

Which was read and adopted.

By the Senate,

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1836.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have considered and rejected the resolution of your honorable body, proposing a payment of one hundred dollars, to each, to Messrs. Pigman and Merrick, for their professional services, in the suit of this state against the state of Virginia. We are of opinion that the compensation provided by the resolution, is inadequate to the merits of those Gentlemen in the case, as we are satisfied that their labours in it have been of no ordinary extent, in procuring materials for the suit, and in consultation upon the conduct of the controversy. We would respectfully suggest that the compensation be increased so as to be to each of them, two hundred and fifty dollars; and ask your reconsideration of the resolution with a view to an amendment for such an increase of compensation.

By order,

Jos. H. Nicholson, Clk.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, March 29, 1836.

The Senate met. Present the same Senators as on yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Sappington,

The bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act relating to persons of color who are to be free after the expiration of a term of years, passed at the session of 1833, chapter 224, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.