

The house then resumed the consideration of the unfavourable report of the committee on divorces, on the petition of Bradley S. A. Lowe, and the substitute offered therefor, by Mr. Gantt, it being the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of Adelaide V. Lowe, of Frederick county, passed at December session 1822, chapter 100.

The said report and substitute were then read the second time.

On the question being put, Will the house adopt the substitute? It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hughlett, the house proceeded to consider the bill reported by him from the committee to whom was re-committed the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the citizens of Maryland holding persons of colour to service for a term of years, and to prevent their absconding, and the amendment thereto as proposed by the committee.

The question was then put, Will the house adopt said amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Merrick moved to amend the 3d section of the bill, by inserting in the 2d line thereof, after the word "shall," the word "not" Determined in the negative.

Mr. Hawkins moved to amend said section by striking out after the word "to," in the third line thereof, these words "remove said negro or mulatto servant out of the state, and." On the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Tilghman then moved to postpone said bill indefinitely. On the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Lee Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvement, delivered the following report:

The committee on internal improvement, who were instructed by an order of the 1st January 1831 to inquire into the expediency of constructing a rail road at the expense of the state, and with the consent of congress, from the city of Baltimore to the city of Washington—the cost of such a road—the time which its completion would require, and the probable amount of revenue which such a work would yield to the state, report—

That they have been materially assisted in this inquiry by the voluntary services of Capt. Wm G. McNeill and Doctor William Howard, topographical engineers of the United States, who were requested by the committee to furnish them with such information on the subject as might be at their command. Both of these gentlemen are distinguished