

Western shore, be, and he is hereby authorized and required to issue a patent to the aforesaid Alexander Shafer on the above named certificate, called Elizabeth Hill, containing sixty-eight and one fourth acres of land; Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be taken or construed to affect any right that may have been acquired by any other person or persons, in or to said land, before the passage of this resolution.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, and assented to.

Mr. Forman submitted the following preamble and resolutions;

Whereas, the General Assembly at the last session, adopted a resolution authorizing the appointment of a commissioner or engineer to superintend a survey of the sounds between the capes of Virginia and Delaware; and it is believed that in a concern of so much importance to a portion of the people of this state, the services of an additional Commissioner or Engineer may be necessary and valuable; Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor and Council be and they are hereby authorized to appoint an additional Commissioner or Engineer, to co-operate in the contemplated survey.*

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, be requested to correspond with the Executive authorities of Virginia and Delaware, with the view of fixing a time and place for the meeting of the Commissioners.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harper, from the Committee on the coloured population, to whom were referred the petitions of Richard Brown, Selly Marshall, Anthony Kennedy, Ishmael Vanhorn, Turpin Wright, William B. Abbot, and Joshua Johnson, praying to be allowed to introduce certain slaves into this State; reported that the committee have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that they ought not to be granted.

Which was read.

Mr. Harper from the committee on the coloured population, to whom were referred the petitions of Eli Swe aringen, Charles Hill, and E. J. C. Millard, praying to be allowed to introduce certain slaves into this State, reported that they have had the same under consideration; and begged leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the