

Mr. Johns submitted the following resolution—

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the petition of Joshua Guyton, Sheriff of Harford county, and the several vouchers accompanying the same, be and they are hereby referred to his Excellency, the Governor and the honourable the Council, and they are hereby authorised to allow to the said Guyton such compensation as they may deem reasonable, for money paid and expended by him for apprehending negro Nace, and they are authorised to draw upon the Treasurer of the western shore, in favor of said Guyton, an order for such sum as they may allow him.

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

Mr. Blakistone, chairman of the Committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, delivered the following report.

The committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to whom the order authorising and requiring an expression of opinion as to the expediency of authorising a subscription on the part of the State to a work on the testamentary Law of Maryland, proposed to be published by Judge Dorsey, of the first judicial district, was referred, beg leave to report, that the committee have been furnished with the following prospectus of the work.

Judge Dorsey, of the first judicial district of Maryland, is preparing a work containing the Laws of the State on Testamentary matters, the decisions of the Court of Appeals, and of the Supreme Court of the United States, as to the construction of such parts thereof, as have been adjudicated, and whenever the appellate court of a sister State, has settled the construction of the provisions of its Legislature, similar to that of our own State, a note of such decision will be furnished.

The work will then present a systematic classification under appropriate subdivision, of all the Laws relating to last will and testaments; shewing in what manner they are to be executed, how published, how revoked or cancelled, how avoided from incompetency, or by undue influence, or by jurors. And as connected with this subdivision, it will contain the leading english decisions and those of our sister state as to dispositions by last will and testament made by lunatics; the law of nuncupative wills, and of *donatio causa mortis*, and the ademption of legacies and of the ascent thereto by executors; on the duties and liabilities of executors and administrators in settling estates; on priority of pay-