

Mr. Grove reported a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act passed at November session, 1802, chapter 81, to make public the proceedings of the levy courts in the several counties of this state, and for other purposes, so far as relates to Washington county.

Mr. Hammond reported a bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of George M. Tyler, of the city of Frederick, in Frederick county.

Mr. Jones, from the committee on grievance and courts of justice, reported a bill entitled an act fix the compensation of jurors and witnesses in Somerset and Worcester counties.

Mr. Compton chairman of the committee on divorces, reported a bill, entitled, an act to divorce Ann Elizabeth Amanda Christiana Armstrong, from her husband Henry Armstrong, of Saint Mary's county.

Mr. Harding reported a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Rockville Savings's Institution. And,

Mr. Jenkins reported a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Fell's Point Saving's Institution of Baltimore.

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

The house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill reported by Mr. Harper, chairman of the committee on the coloured population, entitled a supplement to an act entitled, An act relating to the Free Negroes and Slaves, passed at December session, 1831, chapter 323:

On motion by Mr. Pratt, said bill was amended by inserting after the word, "persons" in the seventh line, these words—"and which said slaves resided either in that part of the district aforesaid or in Maryland."

Mr. Cottman moved further to amend said bill by inserting as the fifth section of the bill the following:

*And be it enacted*, That when any citizen of this State being the owner of any farm or farms in any adjoining State, and had been in the habit of working said farm or farms (previous to the passage of this act) with the labour of slaves owned by such citizen, he shall be permitted to bring into this State such slave or slaves, being his property previous to the passage of this act, whenever his convenience may require.

Mr. Harris moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Cottman, by adding at the end thereof the following proviso—"provided, said slaves shall have resided in and been removed by him from Maryland;"