

By the House of Delegates,
January 14th 1835.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message, proposing the appointment of a joint committee to "examine into the condition and learn the wants of the Maryland Hospital, and thereby ascertain how far it is capable of performing or has realised the past expectations of the public"—and concur therein. We have appointed on the part of this house, Messrs. Pratt, Nicols, and Wharton, to join the gentlemen named by your honorable body.

By order,

George G. Brewer, Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Baltimore,

Ordered, That the papers relating to the Maryland Hospital, be withdrawn from the files of the house and referred to the committee appointed on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Pratt,

Ordered, That the committee on the colored population be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so modifying the law regulating the appropriation to the Colonization Society, as to make it obligatory upon the managers to expend the annual appropriation of \$20,000 on the part of this state, exclusively towards the removal of that part of the colored population of this state, who were free antecedent to the passage of the law granting said appropriation.

Mr. Jones of Somerset, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, delivered the following report:

The committee on Grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the petition for the relief of John Johnson, a colored man of Frederick county, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that as the object of the petition seems to be, to make valid a manumission, of which, it is alleged, there is no record, the petition is properly referable to the committee on the colored population—they therefore ask to be dismissed from the further consideration of the said petition, and recommend that it be referred to the committee last aforesaid.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Isaac D. Jones,

Chairman Com. on Gr. and Co. of J.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Jones, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, delivered the following report: