

That the prayer of the petitioner, if granted, would be a violation of the law of eighteen hundred and thirty one, chapter three hundred and twenty three, which was enacted to prevent, among other purposes, the importation of slaves into this state; and as the committee, deem the said law a wise and salutary one, they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is unreasonable, and should not be granted.

They recommend the adoption of the following order.

Ordered, That Alexander S. Bird be, and he is hereby permitted to withdraw his petition from the files of the house.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA JONES, Chairman.

By order,

Benj. Seegar, Cl'k.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, an act for the relief of the widow and children of John Cummins, deceased, late of the State of Delaware, endorsed, 'will pass with the proposed amendment;'

Which amendment was twice read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed;

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to extend to John H. Milburn, administrator of Stephen Milburn, late collector of Saint Mary's county, further time to complete his collections, and for other purposes.

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to extend to Joseph Stone, administrator of William Williams, late sheriff and collector of Saint Mary's county, further time to complete his collections, and for other purposes.

Severally endorsed 'will pass;' ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Merrick reported a bill, entitled, an act to alter the mode of compensating clerks of the County Courts and the Register of Wills, in the several counties of this state.

Mr. Johns, chairman of the committee on divorces, reported a bill, entitled, an act to divorce Maria Robinson, of Talbot county, from her husband. Robert Robinson.

Mr. Kersbner reported a bill, entitled, an act authorising Henry Shafer, George Shafer, and Henry I Shafer, to distribute their estate by lot.

Mr. Cushing reported a bill, entitled, an act to provide for the extension of Currant's Alley, in the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Fowler reported a bill, entitled, an act to extend to Thomas W. Morgan, late collector of Saint Mary's county, farther time to complete his collections, and for other purposes.