

to free negroes and slaves, passed at December session, 1831, chapter 323.

Mr. Sothoron moved to refer said leave to a select committee.

Mr. Devcon moved to refer it to the committee on the colored population;

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on referring it to a select committee;

Resolved in the affirmative;

Ordered, That Messrs. Sothoron, Fowler, and Gaitner, be a committee to prepare and report the same.

Mr. Worthington obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act for the relief of William Strickland, an infant child of the late William Strickland of Prince George's county;

Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, Gantt, and Pratt, report the same.

Mr. Dorsey obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to allow magistrates to issue attachments in all cases, in which the amount in controversy does not exceed fifty dollars;

Ordered, That Messrs. Dorsey, Jones of Somerset, and Brengle, report the same,

Mr. Cushing submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor and Council be, and they hereby are requested, to examine the claims of Richard W. Gill, and Alexander H. Chaves, for services rendered in the examinations and prosecutions of the persons implicated in the late murders and riots on the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road, and to allow them such compensation therefor as they may deem to be just and proper, and to draw on the Treasurer of the Western Shore for the same;

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

Mr. Jones of Baltimore, reported a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Philocretan Society of Baltimore;

Mr. Kershner reported a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Antietam Fire Company in Hagerstown;

Mr. Merrick reported a bill, entitled, an act to repeal the eleventh and twelfth sections of an act passed 16th May, 1780, chapter 24, entitled, an act for licensing and regulating ordinary keepers;

And, Mr. Merrick reported a bill, entitled, an act to provide for the appointment of district and ward justices in the