

Mr. Duvall obtained leave to bring in a bill to alter the manner of punishing free persons of color in this state, for petit larceny, assaults and battery, and other small and trifling offences;

Ordered, That Messrs. Duvall, Ely and Dudley, report the same;

Mr. Annan obtained leave to bring in a bill, supplementary to the act, entitled, an act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court;

Ordered, That Messrs. Annan, Burchenal, and Jones of Somerset, report the same.

Mr. Jones, of Somerset, asked leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, on act relative to the selling and removal of negro slaves;

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Scott obtained leave to bring in a bill, to increase the per diem of the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Delegates;

Ordered, that Messrs. Scott, Wharton and Hambleton of Talbot, report the same.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following resolutions,
Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to draw for, and apply in satisfaction of, so much of the authorised demands upon the Treasury during the current fiscal year, the sum of forty-four thousand and fourteen dollars and seventy-eight cents of the State's special deposits now in the Union Bank of Maryland, at such times and in such sums, as shall, in his judgment, be required by the public convenience and interest.

Resolved, That the said Treasurer be and he is hereby authorised and directed to sell and dispose of the debt due to the State by the Bank of Maryland, or account of special deposits therein, as soon as conveniently he can do so, for the best price he can obtain for the same; and for this purpose, he is hereby empowered to employ an agent in Baltimore or elsewhere, and to allow him a reasonable compensation for his services—and the said sale may be made for cash, or on time, as shall appear to the said Treasurer most conducive to the interest of the State, provided the payments, if said sale shall be made on time, shall be well secured.

Resolved, That the money arising from said sale, be and the same is hereby appropriated, when received, towards the