

Also, made an unfavorable report on the application of George Merrill, a free negro ;

Read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Owens, from the joint committee on the library made the following report.

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Read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gallagher reported a bill entitled, an act to divorce Charles Frederick Berger from his wife Margaret Berger ;

Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Mason reported a bill entitled, an act to authorise the commissioners of Washington county, to pay a certain sum of money to Robert Catron ;

Read the first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Also, the bill entitled, an act to allow John Newcomer, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, further time to complete his collections ;

Read the first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Matthews, from the committee on that subject, reported a bill entitled, an act to abolish the Levy court of Charles county, and to provide for the election of commissioners for said county ;

Read the first, and by special order the second time, and will pass.

Mr. Welsh of Baltimore county, reported a bill entitled, a supplement to an act to provide for the weighing of Hay and Straw, brought for sale to the city of Baltimore ;

Read the first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The Speaker announced that the hour had arrived to take up the order of the day, being the resolutions offered by Mr. Ridgely in reference to that part of the Governor's message which speaks of direct taxation ;

On motion of Mr. Ridgely,

The house was called and the door-keeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Le Grand,

The House proceeded with the ordinary business of the session in the absence of the door-keeper.

The House then took up for considerationf the bills in order, entitled to a second reading ;

The first bill in order is the bill reported by Mr. Biser, entitled, an act to provide for electing the justices of the Levy court of Frederick county by the people, passed December session 1838, ch. 261 ;

Read the second time, passed, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Welch, of Annapolis submitted the following resolution :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Li-