

ed, that the same is a true and faithful list or lists of the said slave or slaves so removed, and that he the said Dr. Panna, hath not removed the said slave or slaves into this State, for the purpose of sale, and that each of said negroes is a slave for life, and provided also, that the sum of fifteen dollars, for each slave between the age of twelve and forty-five years, and the sum of five dollars, for each slave above the age of forty-five and under twelve years of age so brought into the State, shall be paid to the clerk of the county court, at the time of giving such list, to be paid over by him to the treasurer of the Western Shore, for the use and benefit of the Colonization society of this State.

Which were read, assented to, and the bill as amended read the second time by special order, and will pass.

Mr. Gallagher reported a bill entitled, and act to divorce Susannah Jones from her husband John Jones;

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

Mr. Le Grand, from the select committee on that subject, made the following report:

The special committee to whom the following order of the House of Delegates was referred, viz—"That the special committee on public printing be instructed to inquire of William McNeir, whether the 500 copies of a report on the Eastern Shore Rail Road, authorised to be printed at the last session of the Legislature, were distributed agreeably to the resolution," beg leave to

REPORT:

That in pursuance of the instruction of the house, the following letter was addressed to Mr. Neir.

House of Delegates, January 24, 1840.

William McNeir, Esq.

Dear Sir,—An order was yesterday adopted by the House of Delegates, instructing the committee on printing to make the inquiry, "whether the 500 copies of a report on the Eastern Shore Rail Road, authorised to be printed at the last session of the legislature, were distributed agreeably to resolution, and whether the same have been paid for." You will therefore please to answer the following questions:

- 1st. To whom, if any one, were the copies sent?
- 2d. At what time were the copies distributed?
- 3d. Were you paid for the printing?

Respectfully, &c. JNO. C. LE GRAND,
Chairman of Committee on Printing.

In reply the committee have received the following response from Mr. McNeir:

Annapolis, Jan. 24, 1840.

To John C. Le Grand, Esq.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your letter of this morning, informing me that the House of Delegates had instructed its committee