

The bill entitled, An act to amend the 86th article of the Code of Public General Laws, by adding thereto the following sections, giving authority to the Secretary of State to charge fees for certain services;

Pending its second reading,

Was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bills entitled, respectively:

An act supplementary to an act to incorporate the Isabella Gas Works of Frederick city;

An act to repeal the 314th section, of article 93, of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the probate of wills or codicils, and to insert in lieu thereof the following sections;

An act to incorporate the German and English Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Manchester, Carroll county;

Were read the second time.

The bill entitled, An act to amend section 37, of article 66, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled, Negroes, relating to the escape of slaves by being transported on railroads, steamboats and other vessels;

Was read a second time,

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

The following amendment was adopted:

At the end of section 1, insert, "nor to any case of a transportation under circumstances of reasonable moral or legal necessity, to be proved to the satisfaction of the jury before whom the cause may be tried."

The bill entitled, An act to make valid a deed from Susan E. B. Yates, formerly Susan E. B. Etherington, to Thomas H. Harris, of Kent county;

Was read a second time,

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Mathews,

The following amendment was adopted:

In the 7th line, strike out all after the word "been," and insert, "acknowledged according to law, and a certificate of said acknowledgment, duly authenticated, has been duly recorded with and as a part of said deed; provided, nothing herein shall prejudice any creditor or person without notice.

"Section 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage."

The bill entitled, An act to repeal the 1, 2 and 7th section,