

this house—they therefore recommend the rejection of the bill, and pray to be discharged from its further consideration.

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

Mr. Tuck, chairman of the select committee, on the Real Estate Bank of the State of Maryland, delivered the following report,

*(See printed pamphlet H.)*

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

On motion of Mr. Ely,

Ordered, that one hundred and eleven copies of the report of the select committee on the Real Estate Bank of the State of Maryland, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. Carpinter, chairman of the committee on divorces, reported a bill, entitled, an act to divorce Ann R. Cannon, of the city of Baltimore, from her husband, John W. Cannon,

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

Mr. Eccleston submitted the following order,

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice, enquire into the expediency of excluding free negroes and mulattoes from the right of acquiring and holding real estate in this State—and if the committee shall determine against the exclusion, that they report a bill, allowing not over two years to that species of our population to alienate real estate now in their possession.

Which was read.

Mr. Ely moved to amend said order by striking out from the word 'State' to the end thereof,

Pending this motion,

The Speaker announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the order of the day.

Mr. Harris moved to suspend the order of the day,

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Maulsby moved to lay the order on the table,

Resolved in the affirmative.

The house then proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Ford, chairman of the committee on the constitution, entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form of government of the State of Maryland,