

vigorate industry, and eminently promote the prosperity and happiness of the country.

The basis of a State bank might consist of the several funds and cash deposited together with all investments of the public monies for revenue, and debts due from individuals and corporations, which would constitute effective means to a greater extent than are possessed by all the banking corporations within the State, and with a view to reduce the amount of such joint stock capital, some one or more of such companies might be purchased with State securities and merged in the public institutions.

We have appointed, on the part of this house, Messrs. Simmons, Bowie, Grason, Orrick, Carroll, Giles and Sprigg, to act in conjunction with such gentlemen as may be selected by your honorable body.

Mr. Hughes, chairman of the committee on coloured population, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Mrs. Rebecca Somerville, praying permission to bring into this State certain negro slaves for a term of years,

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

Mr. Hughes, chairman of the committee on colored population, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of William Peterson, a free man of colour, praying to be allowed to remove to and reside in this State;

Also, upon the petition of Hanson Jones, a free man of colour, praying the passage of an act to authorise his wife to remove to and reside in this State;

Which were severally read the first, and by a special order the second time, and severally concurred in.

Mr. Risteau, chairman of the committee on divorces, made an unfavorable report upon the petition of Julia Ann Stevens, of Talbot county, praying to be divorced from her husband Charles R. Stevens;

Also, upon the petition of Susanna Lupton, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be divorced from her husband Cyrus C. Lupton;

Which were severally read the first, and by a special order the second time, and severally concurred in.

Mr. Risteau, chairman of the committee on divorces, made a favorable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, an act to divorce Julia Ann Gordy, of Worcester county, from her husband William Quinton Gordy;

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

Mr. Carpenter, chairman of the committee on corporations, made a favorable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, an act to incorporate the Law Buildings' Company of Baltimore;

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

Mr. Ford, chairman of the committee on the constitution, made a favorable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, an act to confirm an act, entitled, an act to amend the constitution and form