

to enquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law the purchase of slaves by free negroes or mulattoes in this State, except they leave the State, and to report to this house by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Turner, of Baltimore county, obtained leave to bring in a bill to regulate the time and manner of electing members of Congress of this State, sheriffs, commissioners &c.,

Ordered, that Messrs. Turner, of Baltimore county, Townsend, Sprigg, Harrison and Dawson report the same.

Mr. Biser obtained leave to bring in a bill to abolish the levy court of Frederick county, and elect commissioners in their stead,

Ordered, that Messrs. Biser, Geyer and Ent report the same.

Mr. Ford obtained leave to bring in a bill to determine the salary of the Governor and Secretary of State,

Ordered, that Messrs. Ford, Giles and Simmons report the same.

On motion of Mr. Tall,

Ordered, that Stevens W. Woolford and others, of Dorchester county, have leave to withdraw from the files of the house, a petition, together with all papers connected therewith, in relation to the navigation of Transquakin river.

Mr. Hughes asked to be excused from serving on the committee on coloured population;

On the question being put,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The speaker thereupon appointed Mr. Simmons on said committee, in the place of Mr. Hughes, who was excused by the house.

Mr Hughes submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Bowling, Miles and Gardiner out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty-seven cents, improperly paid by them into the treasury.

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time;

On motion of Mr. Ely, said resolution was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Grason submitted the following resolutions:

*Resolved by the Legislature of Maryland*, That according to the Constitution of the United States, Congress have the power "to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defence, and general welfare of the United States."

*Resolved*, That the words "general welfare," as therein used, convey no indefinite or general powers, but are intended as a limitation of the purposes for which money is to be raised.

*Resolved*, That Congress have no power to raise a revenue, except for the objects specified; and that the power thus given for one purpose, cannot be exercised for a distinct and different purpose.

*Resolved*, That if the States have the right to establish Banks, the General Government has no power to limit, extend or regulate their operations; and if this cannot be done by an act of Con-