

Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, delivered the following report:

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Which was read.

Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and means, reported a bill, entitled, an act for the maintenance of the public faith;

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

On motion of Mr. McDaniel,

Ordered, that five hundred copies of the report of the committee on ways and means, be printed for the use of the legislature.

Mr. Ely, (seconded by two other members that voted in the majority,) moved to reconsider the vote of the house upon said order;

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Ely, said order was then amended, by striking out "five hundred," and inserting in lieu thereof "six hundred;"

The said order was then read the second time as amended, and adopted.

Mr. Hughes, chairman of the committee on colored population, delivered the following report:

The committee on coloured population, to whom was referred an order of the House instructing the committee to enquire into the expediency of reporting a bill making it the duty of the board of Managers of the Colonization Society to apply the money given by the State for colonizing the people of color, to the deportation of those who were free before the passage of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, have had the same under consideration, and after mature deliberation have come to the conclusion, that further legislation on that subject is inexpedient, they therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HUGHES, Chairman.

By order,

JOHN BURNETT, Clerk.

Which was read.

Mr. Hughes, chairman of the committee on coloured population, made unfavourable reports upon the petition of William G. Sanders, John Graham, and Rebecca Devilbiss, severally praying to be permitted to bring into this State certain negro slaves therein mentioned.

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

Mr. Kerr, from the committee on coloured population, made an unfavourable report upon the petition of Z. Collins Lee, of the city of Baltimore, praying the passage of an act authorising him to bring into this State, certain slaves therein mentioned;

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