

of their labours, for the honour of our country, and the benefit of mankind:" And whereas voyages of this kind, even when they fail in making important discoveries, bespeak a liberal policy, and give character to the people who undertake them, Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, That we do highly approve of the views of the said memorialists, believing that a polar expedition, if properly conducted, could scarcely fail in adding something to the general stock of national wealth and knowledge, and to the honour and glory of the United States.

Mr. Compton, from the committee to which was referred the petition of Daniel Sprinkle, of the city of Baltimore, delivered the following resolution; which was twice read, by special order, assented to, and sent to the senate, viz.

Resolved, That the levy court of Anne-Arundel county, on being satisfied that the negro named John, or Johnson, convicted in said county court at September term in 1818, for a murder, in the second degree, committed on the body of a certain Nicholas Matthews, and sentenced to the penitentiary, was the slave of Daniel Sprinkle of the city of Baltimore, shall be, and they are hereby authorised and directed, to value said negro, and to levy the amount on the assessable property of said county, in the name, and for the use of, the said Daniel Sprinkle.

Mr. Sappington reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Frederick county, to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. John W. Thomas, entitled, An act relative to the establishment of a light-house on Point Concord, at the mouth of the Susquehanna river, was taken up for consideration, when on motion of Mr. Stricker, the same was ordered to lie on the table.

Bills of the following titles were this day severally reported, viz.

By Mr. Goldsborough, An additional supplement to an act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons.

By Mr. Tyson, An act for the opening of Monument street, in the city of Baltimore.

By Mr. Stricker, An act for the opening of Ensor street, in the city of Baltimore; and

By Mr. Millard, An act to increase the power of the levy courts of the several counties of this state.

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

The clerk of the senate returned the resolution in favour of William Caton of the city of Annapolis, endorsed, "dissented from."