

And delivered a report of the Trustees of the Academy at Easton, in Talbot county, endorsed by the Senate, "referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates."

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Pratt reported a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the completion of the records in the office of the Register of Wills, of Prince Georges county.

Mr. Nicols reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Savings Institution of Dorchester county.

And Mr. Jenkins reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act entitled, An act to provide for the public printing of the State, passed December session 1831, chapter 303.

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

On motion by Mr. Harper, the House took up for consideration the bill, reported by Mr. Edelen, entitled, An act to explain and amend an act of Assembly, passed at December session 1831, chapter 333, entitled, an act relating to free negroes and slaves, as also the amendments reported by the committee to said bill.

Mr. Ely moved to amend said bill, by inserting after the word "slave," in the first section and first line, the words "or slaves."

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Edelen, moved to reconsider the vote of the House, upon said amendment.

On the question being put, will the house reconsider the vote upon the amendment, it was

Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, will the house adopt the amendment.

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Harris, said bill was amended by inserting after the word "his," in the second section, fifth line, the words, "or her.,"

On motion by Mr. Morsell, said bill was further amended by inserting after the word "increase," in the second section and ninth line, the words, "who are slaves for life."

The 1st, 2d, and 3rd amendments reported by the committee to said bill, were adopted.

Mr. Harris moved to amend the fourth amendment, by adding at the end thereof, these words, "so that any owner of any slave who shall have acquired by purchase or des-