

Ordered, That Messrs. Lantz, Bruce and Slicer, report the same.

Mr. Wright of Dorchester, asked the following leave; "Leave to bring in a bill, to alter the time of closing the polls at the several elections in this state;"

Which was read and referred to the committee on elections and privileges.

Mr. Milbourne asked the following leave;

"Leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize Dr. John R. Purnell, of Worcester county, to bring in to this state from the state of Virginia, the negro slave therein mentioned."

Which was read and referred to the standing committee on the colored population of the state.

On motion by Mr. Roberts,

Ordered, That the standing committee on the colored population, be instructed to inquire into the justice and propriety of recommending to this house some Legislative action, by which certain free people of color, in this state, will be remunerated for guns, &c. taken from them, under an act passed at December session, 1831, relating to free negroes and slaves.

On motion by Mr. Lantz,

Ordered, That the committee on Ways and Means inquire and report whether it is or is not, expedient to reduce the price of caution money for vacant land, that may be in future surveyed under and in pursuance of common warrants for vacant land in Allegany county.

Mr. Harris obtained leave to bring in a bill to repeal an act, entitled, an act for the relief of Joseph Stone and others, securities for William Williams, late sheriff and collector of Saint Mary's county, passed at December session, 1831, chapter 210, and for other purposes;

Ordered, That Messrs: Harris, Heard, and Blakistone, report the same.

Mr. Willson, chairman of the committee on claims, delivered the following report:—

[For which report see appendix.]

Mr. Forwood reported a bill, entitled. An act to authorize the clerk of Baltimore county court, to record two bills of sale from Joseph R. Ford, to George and David King.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, and passed.