

Mr. Ely asked leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, An act to regulate the inspection and measurement of lime in the city of Baltimore; which was read and referred to the committee on inspections.

On motion by Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the committee on the coloured population be instructed to inquire into the propriety and practicability of designating some future day, beyond which all slaves who may be born in this State after that period, shall be free upon arriving at a given age, and upon condition not to be permitted to remain in this State; but shall be removed to Africa or some other place of safety beyond the limits of the United States as may be provided for by law, and make report to this House.

Mr. Nicols, chairman of the committee on the Library, on the part of the House of Delegates, submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor and Council be, and they are hereby authorized and requested, to cause a copy of the Index to the laws of Maryland, from the year 1826 to 1831, inclusive, to be delivered to each Court, and to each Judge or Justice of said Court, to each member of the General Assembly, to each member of the Council, and to each public library in this State; and that the remaining copies be deposited in the State Library.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Duvall, of Anne Arundel, obtained leave to bring in a bill, to amend the act, entitled, An act to make valid the instrument of writing therein mentioned;

Ordered, That Messrs. Duvall, of Anne Arundel, Elliott and Burgess, report the same.

Mr. Turner submitted the following preamble and order which was twice read and adopted.

Whereas it has been found from experience, that the property of the State has become changed in its comparative value in the respective counties, and consequently the burthens levied on the people to carry into effect the provisions of the act passed at the last session of the General Assembly, entitled, An act relating to the people of colour in this State, chapter 281, bears unequally on the respective counties, and consequently requires a more equitable mode of levying the same on the people of the State.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be, and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expedi-