

*By the House of Delegates:*

April 1, 1841.

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We have received your message requesting the return of a bill, entitled a supplement to the act in aid of the construction of a stone wharf at Cambridge, in Dorchester county, passed December session 1839, ch. 246, and herewith return the same.

By order,

George G. Brewer, clerk.

Mr. Coad, chairman of the committee on colored population, to which was referred the petition of Erasmus Dixon, praying a law may be passed for his mother to bring into this State, from the State of Delaware, a certain negro boy therein named, reported that the case is provided for by the act of 1839, ch. 15:

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time, and concurred in.

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

The committee on colored population, to whom was referred a leave to report a bill to permit Henry G. S. Key, of Saint Mary's county, to remove into this State certain slaves, beg leave to report, that by the act of 1839, ch. 15, slaves for life may be introduced into this state upon compliance with certain conditions therein prescribed. The committee also beg leave to report, that in their opinion, it is inexpedient to authorise the introduction into this state of slaves for a term of years only, and therefore report unfavorably upon so much of said leave.

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

Mr. Causin offered as a substitute for said report, a bill, entitled an act for the benefit of Henry G. S. Key, of St. Mary's county;

Which was read.

On the question being put, will the house accept the substitute? it was

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred, and was put upon concurring in the report of the committee; and

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Billingslea, from the committee on internal improvement, made a favorable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled an act to authorise the Tide Water Canal Company to issue toll notes, to a limited amount, on the pledge, by mortgage of its works and property;

Which was read, and

On a motion of Mr. Maxwell,

Read a second time by special order.

Mr. Le Grand moved to amend said bill by striking out in the 9th line, the word "five," and inserting in lieu thereof "two,"

Determined in the negative.