

On motion of Mr Archer,

Referred to the committee on Colored Population.

On motion of Mr. Hollyday, of Kent,

Ordered, That the committee on Elections, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of bringing in a bill explanatory of the Act of Assembly, passed November session 1805, chapter 97, so far as it relates to the manner in which voters shall prepare their ballots.

On motion of Mr Williams, of Baltimore city,

Ordered, That the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of reporting the following bills.

1st. To amend the Constitution and Form of Government, so as to limit the tenure of judges and of the Chancellor, to be appointed after the confirmation of such amendment, to seven years.

2nd. To amend the Constitution and Form of Government, so as to limit the tenure of the Attorney General, to be appointed after the confirmation of such amendment, to three years.

3rd. To amend the Constitution and Form of Government, so as to limit the number of judges in the first, second, third, fourth and fifth judicial districts, after the confirmation of such amendment, to two.

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city,

Leave was granted the Baltimore city delegation, to bring in a bill entitled, an act to limit the number of judges in Baltimore city court to two.

On motion of Mr. Graves,

Leave was granted the Baltimore city delegation, to bring in a bill to distribute a portion of the fund appropriated to colleges and academies to the public high school of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of A. A.

Leave was granted the committee on Ways and Means, to report a bill laying duties on promissory notes, bills of exchange, bonds and other sealed instruments to aid in paying the debts of the State.

On motion of Mr. Springer,

Leave was granted the Baltimore city delegation, to bring in a bill to be entitled, an act supplementary to an act for the weighing of anthracite coal, and for measuring of Bituminous coal, passed at December session 1837, chapter 316.

On motion of Mr. Hollyday, of Cecil,

Leave was granted the Cecil county delegation, to bring in a bill allowing Thomas R. Roberts, of Cecil county, further time to complete his collections.

On motion of Mr. Shriver,

Leave was granted the Frederick county delegation to bring in a bill authorising Peter McGee of Frederick county to bring into this State his negro slave Basil.

Mr. Fletcher presented the petition of 84 citizens of Washington county, praying an alteration in the law relating to mortgages and bills of sale ;