

county, into a City; and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof;

The said bill was then read the second time, rejected, and returned to the senate.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the first order of the day; being the bill reported by Mr. Brawner, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, entitled, An act relating to the free coloured population of this state;

When, on motion by Mr. Brawner, said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The house then proceeded to consider the second order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Carmichael, entitled, An act for the protection of oysters, in the waters of the eastern shore, of this state;

On motion by Mr. Teackle, said bill was amended, by inserting after the word 'bay,' in the first section, fifth line, these words, 'or of any of the waters of the eastern coast of this state;'

On motion by Mr. Bruff, said section was further amended, by striking out in the sixth line thereof, these words, 'that have been used,' and insert in lieu thereof the words, 'as are now in use;'

Mr. Brown, of Queen Anne's, moved to amend said bill, by striking out in the second section, first line, these words, 'the citizens of any other state,' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'any person or persons;'

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Brown, of Queen Ann's, moved to amend said bill, by striking out in the fourth section, second line, the words "sight thereof," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "information on oath."

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Bruff moved to amend said section, by striking out from the word "the," in the twelfth line, to the end of said section, and insert in lieu thereof these words, "commander or owner of such boat or boats."

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Carmichael, said bill was amended by striking out the seventh section of the bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the following.

That all laws heretofore passed on this subject inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this act, so far as they relate to the Eastern Shore be, and the same are hereby repealed.

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, and passed.