sons who shall harbor or conceal a slave or slaves, knowing him or them to be runaways; and the fact of his or their being on the premises, owned, rented, or occupied by a free negro or negroes, to be prima facie evidence of such knowledge, shall be liable to be indicted, and upon conviction shall, if white, undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than —— years; and if such person shall be a free negro, and convicted of this offence, he shall be sold out of the State, and the whole of the proceeds of such sale to go to the informer, who shall be a competent witness in an action against such negro or negroes; and if such negro be a slave for life, or a term of years, he shall upon conviction be sold out of the State, and his full value paid to the owner.

Judge Chambers moved that the President appoint a committee of five members of the Convention to prepare a memorial to the legislature, on the subject of the proposition adopted by Convention. At the same time, Judge Chambers stated that he could not possibly serve on the committee.

The committee appointed, was as follows: Gen. Benjamin C. Howard, Charles H. Pitts, Joseph M. Palmer, Tench Tilghman, Philip F. Thomas.

Mr. Gaither offered a resolution, proposing that each member of the Convention pay 25 cents, to be divided between the door-keeper of the House of Delegates and door-keeper of the Court-house.

Judge Chambers presented a resolution that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn *sine die.*

Mr. Hanson proposed to recommend to the legislature, to impose a license of —— dollars on hawkers and pedlars to trade as such.

The proposition was adopted.

Mr. Palmer moved to fill the blank with the sum of $200.

He thought that the hawkers and pedlars created a great quantity of mischief, that they would cheat every person who dealt with them, and they should pay well for their license.

The proposition to fill the blank with $200 was accepted.

Mr. Spence, of Baltimore, presented the following proposition:

To recommend the repeal of that part of the 2d section of the act of 1833, chap. 224, entitled an act relating to persons of colour, who are to be free after a term of years, which says, 'That the party applying for such grant has distinctly and particularly notified such servants of the existence and effect of this law, and that this information has failed to correct his or her habits before they proceed to issue any such grant for the purpose.'

Proposition adopted.

Mr. Tilghman, of Kent, proposed a resolution that it be recommended to the legislature to enact a law, regulating the holidays of negroes, &c.

He stated that at the commencement of the Convention, he had heard something said about the adoption of some general rules towards the domestic arrangements of the slave-holders, and in view of that offered this recommendation. It was negatived.

Jno. S. Sellman offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of the members of this Convention be tendered to the President and officers thereof, for the impartiality, promptitude, and ability, with which they have presided over its deliberations.

Mr. Bowie responded in suitable terms, and the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

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The Annual Meeting of the Maryland State Colonization Society was holden in the Senate Chamber at Annapolis, on Thursday, February 3d, 1842. Although the evening was very unfavourable, the meeting was well attended, most of the distinguished members of both branches of the Legislature being present. An increased interest in the cause is manifested by the members from every section of the state, and we believe it is more clearly than ever recognised as a matter of state policy.

The following record of the proceedings of the meeting is copied from the Baltimore American:

Correspondence of the American.

Annapolis, *February* 3, 1842.

In obedience to public notice this Society held its annual meeting in the Senate Chamber this evening.

J. H. B. Latrobe, Esq., President of the Society, took the chair, and called the meeting to order. Prayer was then made by the Rev. R. Emory. The Rev. J. H. Kennard acted as Secretary.

J. H. Nicholson, Esq. read the report of the last meeting.

The following resolutions were then presented by Mr. Latrobe.

'*Resolved*, That in the establishment of a colony at Cape Palmas, the State Society has carried out the policy of Maryland, as prescribed in the

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