

Mr. Hillen also, asked leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act supplementary to an act, entitled, an act to regulate the issuing of licenses to traders, keepers of ordinaries and others, passed at December session, 1827, chapter 177, and for other purposes;

Which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Hillen, also asked leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an additional supplement to an act entitled an act relating to free negroes and slaves, passed at December session 1831, chapter 323;

Which was read and referred to the committee on coloured population.

Mr. Hillen, also asked leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an additional supplement to an act, entitled, an act for the better regulation of apprentices, passed at November session 1793, chapter 45;

Which was read and referred to the committee on crimes and punishments.

Mr. Causin, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, reported a bill, entitled, a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act to authorize the Chancellor, and the several county courts of this State to order and decree the sales of the real estate of minors in the cases therein mentioned;

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

On motion of Mr. Biser, the house took up for consideration, the bill reported by him entitled a supplement to an act authorizing Henry Feete surviving Executor of Jacob Alexander, late of Frederick county deceased, to execute the last will and testament of said deceased, passed December session 1836, chapter 214;

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

The hour having arrived for taking up the orders of the day.

The house proceeded to consider the first order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Williams, entitled, an act to confirm an act, entitled, an act providing for the appointment of clerks of the several county courts, the clerks of the courts of Appeals for the Eastern and Western Shores, the clerk of Baltimore city court, and the Registers of Wills in the several counties of this State;

The said bill was then read the second time;

Mr. Causin, moved to amend said bill by adding at the end thereof the following;

Except so far as refers to the appointment of clerks of the county courts and court of Appeals, that the respective county courts and court of Appeals, shall appoint their clerks as heretofore, whose term and limit of office shall be such as is provided for in the original act, which this act is intended to confirm.

Which was read.

Mr. Carroll rose to a point of order, whether the bill under consideration being a confirmatory act changing the constitution, it was competent to offer an amendment to the bill;

The Speaker Mr. Maulsby being in the chair, decided that it was competent to offer said amendment;