

The said bill was now again read, when Mr. James offered the following amendment, as a substitute for the first section, which he proposed to strike out, viz.

"Therefore be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That whenever a petition shall be presented, by an apprentice, to a judge of a county or criminal court, for the benefit of the aforesaid act, and the master or mistress shall appear by counsel, it shall be the duty of the judge to assign competent counsel to the apprentice."

On motion by Mr. John W. Thomas, the question was put, That the further consideration of the bill and the amendment proposed be referred to the first day of April next? And it was determined in the negative. After debate,

On motion by Mr. Farquhar, the question was then propounded, That the further consideration of the bill, with the proposed amendment, be referred to the first day of June next? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Ridgaway, the house proceeded to consider the bill from the senate, entitled, An act for the relief of Ann Gilder, of Queen-Anne's county, and the same having been read the second time, it was passed.

On motion by Mr. Stewart, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to facilitate the collection of taxes levied on the lands of non-residents, in Anne Arundel county, was then read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Tyson, the bill reported by Mr. Buchanan, as chairman of the committee on divorces, entitled, An act for the relief of David Greene, of the city of Baltimore, was also read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following order was twice read:

"Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout this state, be made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Mr. Ridgaway moved to amend said order, by striking out the word "Tuesday," and substituting therefor, the word "Thursday."

Mr. Norris moved so to amend the motion of Mr. Ridgaway, as to substitute "Friday," and the question being taken on striking out, and inserting the latest time, it was resolved in the affirmative. Tuesday was accordingly stricken out and Friday inserted.

The order, so amended, was then adopted.

Mr. Tyson, as chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz: