

General Assembly," and insert the words "county officers;"
Decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Daniel submitted the following amendment :

Strike out the words "elected and," in the fifth line ;

Decided in the negative.

Mr. Todd submitted the following amendment :

Insert as an additional section, the following:

"Sec —. It shall be the duty of the Orphans' Court of the several counties and the city of Baltimore to bind out, until they arrive at the age of twenty-one years for males, and eighteen years for females, all negroes emancipated by the adoption of this Constitution, who are minors, incapable of supporting themselves, and whose parents are unable to maintain them, subject to such regulations as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law ; and in all cases the preference shall be given to their former masters, when in the judgment of the said Courts they are suitable persons to have charge of them ;"

Mr. Stirling moved to postpone informally the consideration of the amendment ;

Decided in the negative.

Mr. Schley submitted the following amendment :

Amend by inserting after the word "preference," in the 5th line, the words "with the consent of the parents or next friend of such minor ;"

Decided in the negative.

Mr. Stockbridge submitted the following amendment to the amendment :

Add at end of the section the words "and said Court shall bind all masters to whom any such apprentice shall be indentured, to cause said apprentice to be taught to read and write ; and any violation of which obligation on the part of any master shall cancel the indenture of apprenticeship ;"

Mr. Wooden moved the previous question ;

The question being,

"Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. Chambers demanded the yeas and nays,

The demand being sustained,