

On motion of Mr. Freamer,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill entitled an Act to amend section 8, of Article 4, of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

Said bill being upon a second reading,

Mr. Keech submitted the following amendments:

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

Amend by striking out all in 2nd line of section 8, after the word "Jury," down to the word "and," in line 12 of section 8, and insert the following in lieu thereof: "And in all suits or actions at law, issues from the Orphans' Court, or from any Court sitting in equity, and in all cases of presentments or indictments, which are or may be punishable by death, pending in any of the Courts of Law in this State, having jurisdiction thereof, upon suggestion in writing of either of the parties to said proceedings, that such party cannot have a fair and impartial trial in the Court in which the same may be pending, the said Court shall order and direct the record of proceedings in such suit or action, issue, presentment or indictment, to be transmitted to some other Court, having jurisdiction in such cases, for trial; but in all other cases of presentments or indictments, pending in any of the Courts of Law in this State, having jurisdiction thereof, in addition to the suggestion in writing of either of the parties to such presentment or indictment, that such party cannot have a fair and impartial trial in the Court in which the same may be pending, it shall be necessary for the party making such suggestion to make it satisfactorily appear to the Court that such suggestion is true, and thereupon the said Court shall order and direct the record of proceedings in such presentments or indictments to be transmitted to some other Court, having jurisdiction in such cases, for trial."

The proposed amendments were severally read and adopted, And the bill, as amended, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Stewart, of Baltimore City, from the Committee on the Judiciary, (the rules being suspended,) reported, without amendment,

The Senate bill entitled an Act to provide for additional compensation to Charles E. Hayward and Sewell T. Milbourne, of Dorchester county, and to John W. Crisfield, of Somerset county, for professional services.

Which was read a first time.

The bill entitled an Act to repeal the Act passed on the 21st day of January, 1820, chapter 70, and the Act passed