

On motion of Mr. Laird,

The House resolved itself into

A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE,

to consider said bill.

The Speaker called Mr. Field to the chair,

When said bill entitled an Act for the relief of the sureties upon the official bonds of Stevenson Archer, late Treasurer of Maryland, &c ,

Was considered.

Mr. Laird submitted the following proposed amendments :

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

Strike out all after the title and insert the following in lieu thereof :

“Whereas, The sureties upon the first official bond of Stevenson Archer, late Treasurer of Maryland, have been held liable for misappropriations of the State’s funds and securities committed by him after his second election, when, in the language of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, they ‘had a just and reasonable expectation that their liability would not extend beyond the period of two years for which he was first elected, with the addition of the short time allowed by law for the qualification of his successor ;’ and

“Whereas, The second official bond of said Archer has been declared void by the Court of Appeals aforesaid ; and

“Whereas, The suit upon the third official bond of said Archer has not yet been tried ; and

“Whereas, The said sureties have applied to the Governor to recommend to the General Assembly the passage of a law relieving them from all liability on said bonds, except for the misappropriations by said Stevenson Archer of the State’s funds and securities between the date of his first official bond, to wit : the 2d day of February, 1886, and the 13th day of February, 1888, by which said last mentioned day he should have qualified under his second appointment of January 13th, 1888 ; and

“Whereas, The Governor has transmitted to this General Assembly the said application of said sure-