

In section 3, line 11, after the word "to," strike out "sell," and insert "hire out;"

Which was assented to.

Also, proposed the following amendments:

In section 3, line 24, strike out "sale," and insert "hiring out;"

In section 3, line 22, strike out "sale," and insert "hiring out;"

Which were assented to.

Mr. Grieves proposed the following amendment:

In section 3, line 11, after the word "free negro," strike out "to some resident of," and insert "within;"

Which was assented to.

Mr. Mackubin proposed the following substitute for the third section:

Section 4. And be it enacted, That all free negroes so as aforesaid, returned and recorded in the office of Register of Wills, who shall be found to be without a trade or other regular employment, shall assemble at same convenient place to be selected by the sheriff in the neighborhood where said negroes may reside, on the first of January in each and every year, or within ten days thereafter; due notice being given thereof by the sheriff, and the said sheriff shall at the time appointed, offer for hire for one year, said free negro, to the highest bidder residing in the neighborhood where said negroes may reside; the party or parties hiring given bond, to be approved by the sheriff, to be filed in the office of Register of Wills as aforesaid, for the kind treatment and prompt and faithful payment of the wages of said negroes.

Which was assented to.

Mr. Mackubin proposed the following amendment:

"Strike out the fourth section;"

Which was assented to.

Mr. Landing proposed the following amendment:

"Strike out the fifth section;"

Which was assented to.

Mr. Worthington, proposed the following amendment:

In section 6, line 7, strike out "to the lowest bidder," and insert "for the shortest time,"

Which was assented to.