

Which was assented to.

Mr. Grieves proposed the following amendment:

In section 13, line 3, after the words "said offence," insert before any Justice of the Peace in any of the counties of the State or the city of Baltimore.

Which was assented to.

Mr. Contee proposed the following amendment:

In section 13, line 3, after the word "year" strike out "by the Sheriff of the respective counties," and insert "and if within six months after the expiration of service he shall not leave the State he shall be sold by the Sheriff to the highest bidder as a slave for ten years;"

Which was assented to.

Mr. Grieves proposed the following amendment:

In section 13, line 11, after "society" add "except the sum of twenty dollars to be paid to the informer, who is hereby declared to be a competent witness,"

Which was assented to.

Mr. Neale proposed the following amendment:

In section 14, line 8, strike out imprison in the county jail of free negro for the period of thirty days," and insert "shall be sold for a period of five months,"

Which was assented to.

Mr. Smith, of Baltimore city, proposed the following amendment:

In section 14, line 3, after the word "owners," insert unless just and sufficient cause and reason for such absence can be given and shown,"

Which was assented to.

Mr. Mackubin, proposed the following amendment:

Section 14, line 3, strike out "consent" and insert "written order;"

Line 8, after word "of" insert "not less than ten nor more than"

Which was assented to.

Mr. Smith of Baltimore county, moved to refer the bill to the committee on the Judiciary;

The yeas and nays were demanded, and appeared as follows: