

The first section of said bill was reconsidered for the purpose of amendment.

Mr. Thawley moved to amend said section by inserting the words "Colonization society of the" in the 23d line ;

On the question being put,
It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Martin moved to amend said bill by adding as an additional section the following :

And be it further enacted, that all male free negroes and mulattoes who have no families, shall provide themselves with a good home for the year beginning on the first day of January, in each and every year, and upon the failure of any negro or mulatto to comply with the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the sheriff or any constable in any county in this State to take and hire out such negro or mulatto for a fair price, taking necessary clothing into consideration by the year, and at the end thereof receive and pay over to said negro or mulatto, the sum for which he shall have been so hired, and said sheriff or constable shall receive six per cent. of said hire for his services, and that if said sheriff or constable shall refuse or neglect to pay over such wages to the persons so entitled, his bond shall be put in suit as in other cases ;"

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Martin,

The further consideration of said bill was postponed until this evening, and made the special order for that time.

The house then took up for consideration the bill entitled, an act to provide for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland, the special order of the day.

Mr. Seidenstricker then withdrew the substitute therefor offered by him ;

Mr. Bowie then moved as a substitute for said bill the following :

A bill, entitled, an act to provide further for the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to Cumberland.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioner of loans be and he is hereby authorised, empowered and directed, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, and after the several provisions of this law shall have been complied with, to issue certificates of stock or bonds of this State, bearing an interest of six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, that is to say, on the first day of January and July in each and every year, to an amount not exceeding thirteen hundred thousand dollars, the principal of said bonds or certificates of stock to be paid at the pleasure of the State, at any time after the year eighteen hundred and ninety ; and the said commissioner of loans is hereby directed to sell and dispose of said certificates of stock or bonds of the State whenever he can do so, at a price or sum which shall nett not less than par, and the said commissioner of loans is further directed to pay