

case may be, shall be of opinion that the said free negro or negroes, mulatto or mulattoes, have not the necessary means of support, and are not of good and industrious habits, then they shall issue an order in writing, directed to the sheriff or any constable of the county or district, requiring the said sheriff or constable to proceed forthwith to sell the said negro or negroes, mulatto or mulattoes, at public sale to the highest bidder, to serve in the capacity of a slave for and during the year in which said sale shall be made, first ten days public notice of such sale: provided, that every purchaser of any free negro or negroes, mulatto or mulattoes, by virtue of this act, shall, in addition to the price paid by him for such free negro or negroes, mulatto or mulattoes, find him, her or them, during the term for which the said purchaser shall purchase him, or her, or them, with good and sufficient food, lodging and clothing: provided, that any person so purchasing such free negro shall be liable to the same penalties imposed upon other persons in like cases, if he or she shall suffer such negro so purchased, to go at large."

On motion of Mr. Carmichael,

The following amendments were read and assented to:

After the word "upwards" in the 8th line insert, "whose parents have not good character, and have not real estate upon which said children are employed, and which real estate is not sufficient to give full employment to such children."

In the 9th line after the first word "to" insert "such," and after the word "persons" in the same line insert "as their parents or next of kin may select, and the said court may deem suitable, and on the failure of the parents or next of kin to make selection aforesaid, the court shall bind them as aforesaid to such person as they shall deem suitable."

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

The blank in the 11th line of the eleventh section was filled up with the word "five."

On motion of Mr. Carmichael,

The following amendment was read and assented to:

Add at the end of the 11th section,

"And it shall be the duty of the clerk granting such certificate to inform such negro or mulatto, at the time of his or her application therefor, of the penalties and requirements in this section contained."

Mr. Dashiell moved to amend the 14th section of the bill by striking out all after the word "court" in the 10th line to the end of said section.

Before the question was put,

Mr. Forwood moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday morning at nine o'clock;

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Spencer then moved that the House do now adjourn until 4 o'clock;