

ember session 1820, chapter 71, for draining a branch on Chester river, called and known by the name of the Unicorn branch ;

Said bills were severally read the first and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael,

The House took up the bill entitled, an act for the better security of negro slaves in this State, and for promoting industry and honesty amongst the free people of color, being the order of the day and the unfinished business of yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

The vote on the amendment proposed by Mr. Carmichael to amend the said bill by inserting in the 14th section, after the word Gospel, "and at least three respectable slaveholders" was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Said amendment was amended by striking out the word "and" and inserting the word "or ;"

The question then recurred on assenting to the said amendment ;

And on being put, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael,

The following amendments were read and assented to :

Strike out all after the word "enacted" in the first line of the 17th section to the word "and" in the 8th line of same section, and insert "that from and after the passage of this act, every negro or mulatto, to whom freedom shall be granted by any last will and testament, shall leave this State within twenty days after the day when his or her freedom is appointed to commence, and if her or she shall neglect or refuse to leave the State according to the provisions of this section, he or she shall be liable to the proceedings provided in the first section of this act, against negroes and mulattoes coming into this State."

And strike out all after the word "informer" in the 10th line of the 19th section to the end of the said section.

Mr. Duke then moved to amend the 25th section, by striking out the word "overseer" in the 12th line ;

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Morsell,

The following amendment was read and assented to :

Strike out the word "overseer," in the 12th line of the 25th section and insert "or overseer who shall have the sole management of said servant or slave at the time."

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

The following amendments were read and assented to :

Strike out the words "this law" in the 3rd line of the 26th section and insert "the foregoing section."

And strike out in the 2nd line of the 28th section the words "the foregoing provisions of this law" and insert the "the 25th, 26th and 27th sections of this act."