

The bill reported by Mr. Ghiselin, chairman of the committee on Colored Population, entitled, an act to encourage the more effectual apprehending of runaway servants and slaves,

Was taken up for consideration,

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

Said bill was amended by inserting after the word "dollars," in the 2nd section 4th line, the following "or one half of the value of such slave arrested, at the option of the owner,"

On motion of Mr. Ghiselin,

Said bill was further amended by striking out in the 1st section 4th line, the word "not,"

Mr. Lankford moved to lay the bill on the table,

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Ghiselin moved to amend said bill by striking out from the word "runaway," in the 5th line 2nd section to the end of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

"And a reward offered for his or her apprehension, greater than that authorised by this act, the sum authorised by this act shall be included in the amount of the reward so offered and deducted therefrom ;"

Which was read.

Mr. Ghiselin moved to recommit the bill, which motion he waived for the purpose of enabling Mr. Hollyday, of Cecil, to offer the following as an additional section to the bill :

"Section 3. And be it enacted, That in case of any dispute between the person apprehending any slave under the provisions of this act and the owner of such slave, whether such slave is actually a runaway or not, such question of dispute shall be determined by any justice of the peace in the county where such slave is apprehended, or where the owner resides, from whose decision either party shall have the right of appeal to the county court, under the laws of this State regulating appeals from judgments of justices of the peace;"

Which was read.

The question was then taken on recommitting the bill, and Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill reported by Mr. Hollyday, of Cecil, entitled, an act supplementary to an act, passed at December session 1831, ch. 205,

Was taken up for consideration ;

Read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Long, chairman of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, entitled, a further supplement to an act passed at December session 1837, ch. 310, and for other purposes,

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Long,

Said bill was postponed until Monday next, the 10th instant.

The bill reported by Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city, entitled,