

Which was read the first time.

The Speaker announced the Order of the Day,

Being the bill entitled, an Act to repeal Article sixty-six of the Code of Public General Laws entitled, "Negroes ;"

Which was taken up for consideration on its second reading.

The following amendment was pending offered by Mr. Hopkins on the 16th instant :

Except sections from 44 to section 51 inclusive, relating to immigration.

Mr. Miller, of Anne Arundel moved to recommit the bill to the committee on Colored Population with instructions to report a bill which while it repeals the 66th Article of the Code of Public General Laws, if in their judgment it is deemed advisable, shall contain :

1st. Some provisions imposing restrictions upon the immigration of persons of color into this State.

2d. Some provisions for binding out as apprentices persons of color who are "vagrants."

3d. Some provisions by which contracts of hire made by persons of color, may be speedily and promptly enforced.

4th. Some restrictions upon the sale of spirituous liquors to persons of color.

5th. Some provisions by which persons of color made free by the adoption of the present constitution, who may by reason of age or other cause, be unable to support themselves, shall be comfortably maintained and supported at the expense of the State.

Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. Valliant,

The House took a recess to half-past seven, P. M.