

a bill to amend the 92d section of the 12th article of the Code of Public Local Laws in relation to the Orphans' Court of Harford county.

On motion of Mr. Christopher,

Leave was granted the committee on Education to report a bill entitled, An act for the establishment of a uniform system of public education in the State of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Pearce,

Leave was granted the committee on the Judiciary to report a bill relating to landlords and tenants in this State.

Mr. Alexander submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That, whilst it is acknowledged that the duty of providing for the conduct of the war in which we are most unhappily engaged, in a manner commensurate with its importance, is of paramount obligation, this General Assembly would most earnestly impress on Congress the expediency and propriety of examining into the causes of our present dissensions, with a view to the enactment of such laws, and to the proposing of such amendments to the Constitution, as, in the judgment of that Honorable Body, may be the best calculated to restore peace, harmony and mutual confidence to the people of this Union. And this General Assembly disclaims, as fallacious and untenable, the idea that the honor of a great and magnanimous people can be compromised, or that our purpose to maintain, at any cost, the integrity of the Union, can be obscured by the voluntary tender to our misguided fellow-citizens of such reasonable concessions, and guarantees for the enjoyment of all their constitutional rights, as may assure them that we have accepted the war which has been forced upon us as a sad necessity; that it is prosecuted by us in no vindictive spirit, and that our earnest desire is, as it ever has been, for peace on terms which will encourage all to forget the past, and to live in the future an undivided people. Disavowing the authority of those who have obtained a temporary misrule over the so-called Confederate States in a representative character, to discuss with us the momentous issues which convulse our land, we would address our appeal for peace to the individual citizens of those States, as American citizens and as brethern of one household with us. And we would assure them that, whilst we dare not suffer our common patrimony to be wasted or dismembered, we will not depart from those principles of culture which were devised by the wisdom of our fathers, and the observance of which has crowned our joint labors with unexampled prosperity. In the merciful providence of that God in whom our fathers trusted, and Who is pleased to manifest His power equally on the battle