

Turner,
Phelps,

Willis,

Donaldson—52.

NEGATIVE—None.

Said bills so passed were then sent to the Senate.

The bill entitled, An act to compel free negroes to perform a limited amount of work on the public roads and highways, in Queen Anne's county;

Was read the third time,

Pending which,

Mr. McCollister submitted the following as a substitute:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

“That the following sections be added to the respective articles and sections of the Public Local Laws, relating to public roads in the counties of Queen Anne's, Kent, Dorchester, Talbot, Charles, Calvert, Harford and Prince George's:

“Section 1. Each road supervisor may summon and require any able-bodied male free negro, resident in his district, not under the age of eighteen nor over the age of forty-five years, to perform not less than two nor more than four day's labor on the public roads or highways in his district, in every year; the supervisor giving or leaving a notice at the residence of such negro, at least three days before such labor is required, specifying the place where such labor will be required; this section not to apply to a negro hired by the year to any white citizen of the county; nor to any free negro who is assessed to the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars worth of property.

“2. It shall be the duty of each supervisor to make a list of all free negroes subject to the provisions of the preceding section and return the same to the county commissioners, on or before the last day of March in each year, under the penalty of twenty-five dollars, to be recovered as other fines and forfeitures are now recovered.

“3. The several supervisors shall keep a correct and separate account for all work done by said free negroes, and account, on oath, for the same, under the same penalty named in the preceding section.

“4. If any free negro, liable according to the first of the three next preceding sections to perform work on the public roads and highways, shall fail to make his appearance after having been notified of the time when and place where said work is to be done, without good and sufficient excuse, he shall forfeit seventy-five cents for every day so absent, to be recovered as other fines and forfeitures are now recovered, for the use of the county, and said offender shall stand committed until such sum and costs are paid.