

hold them entirely, then what additional restrictions are necessary, and proper.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Kerr, moved to amend said order by striking out "coloured population," and inserting in lieu thereof, "grievances and courts of justice;

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of said order,

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hopewell, obtained leave to bring in a bill, allowing Benjamin G. Coale, former sheriff of St. Mary's county, further time to complete his collections;

Ordered, that Messrs. Hopewell, Harris and Ford, report the same;

Mr. Boyd, obtained leave to bring in a bill, for the encouragement of agriculture, and the promotion of instruction in primary schools throughout this State;

Ordered, that Messrs. Boyd, Brengle, Handy, Billingsley and McDaniel, report the same;

Mr. Maulsby, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, delivered the following report,

The committee on grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the bill, entitled, and act to secure to mechanic's and labourers a lien upon all property, upon which they may erect houses, barns, and other tenements; also upon all such houses, mills, barns and other tenements so erected, ask leave to submit the following report;

The committee have very carefully examined the provisions of this bill, and reflected upon the principle which it seeks to establish, and after the most mature consideration they have determined to report unfavourably thereon; the committee cannot perceive the justice of drawing what may be considered an unjust distinction between different classes of labourers; no preference is now given to any over another, except upon the principles of the common law, and upon which no legislation is deemed necessary—If any lien should be created as proposed by the bill, in the case mentioned, your committee cannot discover any reason for rejecting the numerous applications that may be made to the house from other tradesmen and labourers, for similar privileges—such laws cannot be reduced to any system, or establish any principle, which in its application would be general.

Such discriminating legislation, your committee think exceedingly injudicious, and should not be sanctioned by