

On motion by Mr. Forrest, the words "back the original" in the 13th line of the 5th page were stricken out, and the words "a copy thereof" inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion by Mr. Kell, the following words were inserted after the word "slaves" in the 1st line of the 7th page: "And if such judge or justice shall have reason to suspect that such slave or slaves have been stolen by such person or persons, or received by them knowing them to be stolen, or that they had knowingly aided therein, in such cases the recognizance shall provide for their answering such offence."

On motion by Mr. Kell the words "person or persons and such" were inserted after the word "said" in the 3d line of the 7th page.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, the question was put, That the following be inserted after the words "city court" in the 18th line of the 7th page, viz. "but if any person shall be entitled to a reversion or remainder in said slave or slaves, after a term of years, or upon any contingency, then the said servant or slave shall become immediately the right and property of the said person entitled to such reversion or remainder, in the same manner as if the event or time in which the reversion or remainder was to accrue had actually accrued, provided that the said person, so entitled to the reversion or remainder, shall pay the costs of the proceedings which may have been had in the case, otherwise the said servant or slave shall be sold for the use of the county, or the mayor and city council of Baltimore, for the time he or she may have been bound to serve the person who sold said servant or slave?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the words "justice of the peace" were stricken out of the 8th line of the 6th section and the words "judge of the orphans court" inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion by Mr. Brawner, the question was put, That the 6th section of the bill be stricken out, viz. "And be it enacted, That when any servant or slave shall be committed to the gaol of any county in this state as a runaway, agreeably to the laws now in force, and the notice required to be given by law by the sheriff shall have been given, and at the time for their detention expired, and no person or persons shall have applied for and claimed said suspected runaway, and provided his, her or their title to such suspected runaway, as is now required by law, it shall be the duty of the sheriff forthwith to carry such slave or slaves before some judge of the county court, or judge of the orphans court, with his commitment, and such judge is hereby required to examine and inquire, by such means as he may deem most adviseable, whether such suspected runaway be a slave or not; and if he shall have reasonable grounds to believe that such suspected runaway is a slave, he may remand such suspected runaway to be confined for such further or additional time as he may judge right and proper; and if he shall have reason to believe that such suspected runaway is the slave of any particular person, he shall cause such notice to be given by the sheriff to such supposed owner as he may think most adviseable; but if said judge shall not have reasonable ground to believe such suspected runaway to be a slave, he shall forthwith order such suspected runaway to be released; and if no person shall apply for such suspected runaway, after he may be so remanded, within the time for which he may be remanded, and prove his, her, or their title, as the law now requires, the said sheriff shall, at the expiration of such time, relieve and discharge such suspected runaway; and in either case when such suspected runaway shall be discharged the expenses of keeping such runaway in confinement shall be levied on the county as other county expenses are now levied?" The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.					
Mr. Speaker	Hynson	Garner	Stevens	Claggett	Davis
Jones	C Stewart	Price	Nabb	Henry	Yates
Causin	T H Dorsey	Showers	Digges	Downey	Forrest
Blakistone	R Dorsey	Snowden	Somerville	Buckey	Linthicum
Knight	Brawner	Martin	Semmes		28
NEGATIVE.					
Eccleston	Long	Keene	Harrison	Bradford	Sweitzer
Neale	Murray	Pearce	W R Stewart	Steel	Kennedy
Grahame	Lecompte	Tyson	Wilson	Holbrook	Gaither
Turner	Griffith	Thomas	Handy	Saulsbury	Tomlinson
Jenifer	Pitt	Claude	Tingle	Kell	Tidball
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So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the words "or justice" in the 9th line of the 6th section were stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the words "or justice" in the 20th line of the 6th section were stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Kell, the words "justice of the peace" in the 4th line of the 8th section were stricken out, and the words "judge of the county court or orphans court" inserted in lieu thereof.

On motion by Mr. Kell, the words "justice of the peace," in the 5th line of the 8th section were stricken out, and the words "judge of the county court or orphans court" inserted in lieu thereof.

Mr. Kell moved to insert after the word "presented" in the 3d line of the 8th section the following words: "in the recess of the county court to any judge of said court, a chief judge of the orphans court of the county where such negro, mulatto, or other person shall reside, such judge shall have power to proceed thereon as to bring the matter and parties before the county court at their succeeding term, be proceeded on as other cases of petition for freedom."

On motion by Mr. Kell, the said amendment was withdrawn.

On motion by Mr. Jenifer, the question was put, That the said bill be rejected? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Kell, the question was put, That the 8th and 9th sections of the bill be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Pearce, the question was put, That the following be received as an additional section to the bill: "And be it enacted, That every free person of colour residing within this state, shall before the first day of July next, apply to the registers or clerks of the orphans court of the respective counties where he or she shall reside, or to the registers or clerk of the orphans court of the city of Baltimore, if he or she shall reside within the said city, and to have his or her name there registered, with the manner in which he or she shall have become free, and obtain from the said clerk a certified copy of such registry, whose duty it shall be to give such certificate, when required, for which registry and certificate he shall receive one dollar; and if any person shall, after the said first day of July, hire or take into his employ any person of colour who has not been so registered, such person, so hiring or employing such person of colour, shall be liable to indictment in the county court of the county, or city court, as the case