

The bill, entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprentices, was read the second time, and passed with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In page three, after the end of the 13th line, insert "and that the terms of such apprenticeship, with the age of the apprentice, shall be contained and expressed in an indenture, under the hand and seal of the father and master, and that the said indenture shall be lodged by the said master with the register of the orphans court of the county where such master resides, within thirty days after the execution thereof, under the penalty of three pounds current money, to be recovered from said master by indictment in the county court or criminal court of said county, and to be applied to the use and benefit of the poor of said county; and the register of the said orphans court shall and he is hereby obliged to receive and record the said indenture, and he shall be allowed the sum of three shillings current money for each and every indenture so recorded, to be paid by the said master." Strike out from the word "lawful" in the 15th line of the third page to the word "house" inclusive in the first line of the fourth page, and insert "for the trustees of the poor of any county in this state, or for any three of them, to bind out any orphan or orphans, or other poor child or children under their care in the poor-house of said county." In page 4, in the last line, strike out "assessed in the levy of the said county," and insert "paid by the master." In the sixth page and thirteenth line, after the word "first" insert "and if the original contract was hard and unreasonable, such new contract shall be made as the court shall direct." Strike out from the word "goods" in the 19th line of the 7th page to the end of the sixth line of the 8th page. In the 9th page, strike out the second enacting clause and insert as follows: "And be it enacted, That if any apprentice shall be convicted of any offence, in consequence of which judgment shall be entered against him for any fine or penalty, and costs, the court by which such judgment shall be rendered, shall adjudge, and enter on their records, the time for which such apprentice shall serve his or her master or mistress, after the expiration of his or her apprenticeship, in case the said master or mistress will pay the said fine or penalty, and costs, and if the said master or mistress pays the said fine or penalty, and costs, the said apprentice shall be obliged to serve during the time adjudged by the said court." In page 9, strike out from the word "him" in the fourth line to the word "sufficient" in the 5th line inclusive, and insert "and may require and take a recognizance of such master or mistress, with reasonable and proper security, to be forfeited in case the said master or mistress shall not appear at the next county or criminal court, to answer and abide the determination of the said court upon any complaint that may be exhibited by such apprentice." In the 13th line of the 10th page, strike out the word "provided" and insert "And be it enacted." In the same page and line, after the word "apprentices" insert "except those bound to tradesmen or mechanics residing in any town." Page 11 and 3d line, after the word "bound" insert "by the trustees of the poor or." In page 12, after the seventh line insert as follows: "Of the residue of the indenture, with the approbation of the orphans court." Strike out from the word "that" in the last line of the 12th page to the word "notwithstanding" inclusive in the third line of the 13th page, and insert "that either the master or apprentice, upon a petition being filed, may apply to the court for judgment of a trial by jury, and that the court shall thereupon charge, as the law directs, the attending jury, to determine each and all of the allegations contained in the said petition, which may be controverted, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding." At the end of the bill insert as follows: "This act shall continue in force until the first day of January, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six."

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, December 17, 1793.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing a letter from the governor of Virginia, with the resolution therein contained, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to remove the market-house at the Head of Elk, and establish the same, and for the advancement and regulation of said town, and for other purposes, was read the second time and not passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act for the better regulation of apprentices, with the amendments thereto, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to streighten and amend the roads therein mentioned, and for other purposes, which was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

The honourable William Perry, Esquire, president, the honourable William Tilghman, John E. Howard, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, James M^hHenry, Richard T. Lowndes, John Campbell and Robert Smith, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esquire.

So it was determined in the affirmative, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The memorial of Susanna Chapman, of Charles county, referred from the last session, was read, and rejected.

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