

Mr. Bowie from the committee to whom was referred the bill relating to the owners and occupants of shad and herring fisheries on the Potomac river, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass with the following amendment, viz—

Amendment proposed—

Strike out all that follows the word 'licenses' in the second line of the second section to the word 'and' in the 4th line of same section and insert 'the sum of six dollars.'

Which amendment was read, and assented to. The bill was then read a second, and by special order the third time, passed with the proposed amendment and returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Bowie, from the committee to whom was referred, the additional supplement to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. The bill was then read a second time.

On motion, the question was put, will the senate amend the bill, by inserting the words "or city," after the word "county," in the 13th line, 1st section? Determined in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, will the senate receive the following as an additional section:

And be it enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed, to authorise any justice of the peace in this state, to apply the provisions of this act to free negroes and mulattoes, who from disease, old age, or any other bodily infirmity are unable to support themselves by labor, and the levy courts in the several counties in this state, are hereby authorised and required, to make such suitable provision for all such free negroes and mulattoes, as in their judgment may be necessary for their support and maintenance." Determined in the affirmative. The further consideration of said bill was then postponed.

The clerk of the house of delegates, returned the bill concerning agents and factors; endorsed, "will pass."

Mr. Johnson, from the committee to whom was referred, the bill for the relief of Benjamin M. Miller, of the district of Columbia, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and were of opinion that it ought to pass. The bill was then read a second, and third time by special order, passed and returned to the house of delegates.

The engrossed bill for regulating and inspecting weights and measures used in this state, was read the third time by special order, passed and sent to the house of delegates.