

act for the better regulation of apprentices, reported the said bill with the following endorsements, viz.—1st, at the end of the first section add the following words, “and of the five supplements thereto.” 2d, after the word “act,” in the 6th line of the 2d section, strike out the words, “to which this is a further supplement,” and insert the words “of seventeen hundred and ninety-three, chapter forty-five, and of the supplements thereto—3d, at the end of the bill add as additional sections the following—“And whereas, it is represented to this general assembly, that the manner of binding apprentices in the several Orphans’ Courts in this state, is not uniform, and that certain of the said courts, use an instrument of writing in the nature of an indenture, and certain other of the said courts use an instrument in nature of a recognizance, as evidence of the said contract of apprenticeship; in order, therefore, to prevent any inconveniences which may hereafter arise therefrom,

Be it enacted, that the several Orphans’ Courts of this state be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to use an instrument of writing in the nature of an indenture or an instrument of writing in the nature of a recognizance, as evidence of any contract of apprenticeship entered into, in any of the said courts according to the provisions of the act of assembly to which this is a further supplement, and of the several other supplements to the said act.

And be it enacted, that all contracts of apprenticeship heretofore entered into in the said courts, either in the nature of an indenture or of a recognizance, shall not be vitiated for defect of form, but shall be good and valid to all intents and purposes; provided that the terms of the said apprenticeship be fully and fairly expressed in the instruments of writing which may be entered into for that purpose, in the said courts respectively. Which amendments were read. The bill was then read a second time, and with the amendments ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The senate then adjourned until Monday morning 10 o’clock

Monday, January 8th, 1827.

The Senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill relating to the removal of causes for trial to the third judicial district, was read a third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Heath presented a memorial from Henry Thompson and others, praying an extension of the time limited for the completion of the Baltimore and Harford turnpike road which was read and referred to Messrs. Heath, Sewell, and Johnson.

On motion by Mr. Marriott leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, a further supplement to an act entitled, an act for the enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery. Ordered, that Messrs. Marriott, Johnson, and Dennis, be a committee to prepare and report the same.