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JAMES THOMAS.

On motion of Mr. Wootton,

The bill entitled, a further supplement to an act relating to free negroes and slaves, with the amendment proposed yesterday, by Mr. Groome, was taken up for consideration.

The said proposed amendment,

Which was as follows:

Was read.

In the 20th line of the first section after the word "sale" strike out the words "and that they are slaves for life." And insert,

"And provided also, that if the said slaves so removed shall be slaves for a term of years only, then and in that case they shall be placed and considered at the expiration of their term of service in the same condition as slaves for life who may be manumitted at this time are placed and considered under the acts entitled, an act relating to the people of color of this state, passed at December session 1831, and be subject to the same disabilities as are imposed by the said acts upon such slaves for life so as aforesaid, now or hereafter to be manumitted."

Mr. Pigman moved to amend the proposed amendment by adding the following:

"And provided also that the said slaves so removed, shall be placed and considered in the same condition, as slaves who may be manumitted under the acts entitled, an act relating to the people of color of this state, passed at December session, 1831, and be subject to the same disabilities, as are imposed by the said acts upon slaves."

The question was put,