

ginia, a copy of the foregoing report and this resolution as soon as practicable.

The report and resolution were then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Emory,

The bill entitled, an an act relating to persons of color who are to be free after the expiration of a term of years, with the amendment heretofore proposed, was taken up for consideration.

On the further motion of Mr. Emory,

The said amendment was amended, by adding the following preamble.

“And whereas, it is represented to this General Assembly, that negroes and mulattoes held to labor for a term of years, frequently abscond, and thus deprive their owners of the service and labor due them, and who, when by great effort and expense are reclaimed; it is found by experience that such negroes or mulattoes have little difficulty in continuing to abscond until the authority of the owner is put at complete defiance, and the value of their service completely lost, for remedy whereof”

The amendment was being read the second time, when

On motion of Mr. Pigman,

The following amendment was read and dissented from,

Strike out the words “or without,” in the 2nd section of the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Groome,

The following words were stricken out of the second section of the amendment.

“Or in the recess of the court, for any one judge; also the words “or judge.”

The amendments were then read through, and