

sider the bill, reported by him, entitled, An act to authorise the issuing of attachments by justices of the peace, for the recovery of small debts.

And in the progress of the second reading thereof,

On motion by Mr. Burchenal, the said bill was amended, by striking from the first section thereof, these words, "with intent to evade the payment of his or her debts," in the sixth and seventh lines of that section, in the manuscript.

Mr. Burchenal moved further to amend the said section, by striking therefrom these words, "with intent to evade the payment of his or her debts," in the 17th and 18th lines thereof, in the manuscript.

And the question thereon being taken, was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Burchenal, seconded by two other members, who voted with him in the majority on the question, the house agreed to reconsider the vote on his first motion to amend the bill; when he asked and obtained permission of the house to withdraw said amendment, and to restore the words which had been stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Steuart of Baltimore city, the said bill was amended by inserting therein, at the end of the second section, the following proviso:

Provided nevertheless, That in case said attachment is not laid on perishable property, then it shall be the duty of the said justice to extend and enlarge the return day for sixty days longer.

Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city, moved further to amend the said bill, by appending to the fourth section thereof, the following proviso:

Provided always, That before any execution shall be issued upon judgments rendered under this act, the plaintiff or plaintiffs in whose favour any such judgment shall be rendered, shall give bond with security to be approved of by the justice rendering the same, to be taken in the name of the absent debtor or debtors, and to be conditioned that if the absent debtor or debtors, or his, her or their legal representative or representatives, shall appear before the said justice, if living and in commission as a justice of the peace, or if not before some other justice of the peace of the same city or county, as the case may be, within 12 months after the rendition of said judgment, and after due notice given to the plaintiff or plaintiffs, or his, her or their legal representatives, shall prove to the satisfaction of the said justice that the debt for which such judgment was rendered, or any part thereof was not due, or had been in anywise satisfied or discharged, that the plaintiff or plaintiffs, or