

son, late Sheriff of Baltimore county, further time to complete his collections,

Endorsed, "will pass," and ordered to be engrossed.

The House took up for consideration the bill entitled an act to encourage the emigration of free people of color of this State.

This bill was referred to the Committee on colored population which reported the same with the following amendments:

Amendments proposed:

First—Strike out the preamble.

Second—In the first section, third line, between the words "Guiana" and "to," insert the words, "with a view of ascertaining whether said places or either of them, are suitable for the emigration and settlement of themselves or other free persons of color." And at the end of said first section add, "provided said colored persons do not remain out of the State more than 18 months, and provided also, said negro or mulatto shall first satisfy the Orphans Court of the county, where he or she shall reside, that said free person of color is visiting the said places for the purpose aforesaid."

Third—Strike out the entire second section.

Fourth—Add the two following sections as numbers two and three. 2d. Be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Orphans court, upon being satisfied that such free persons of color intend visiting the places aforesaid for the object aforesaid, to issue a license to the said persons of color, under the seal of said court, granting the permission herein allowed, and it shall also be the duty of said court to cause a record of such license to be kept, and to make an annual return thereof to the Legislature.

3d. Be it enacted, That if such free colored person shall be detained more than 18 months by any sufficient or unavoidable cause, and the said Orphans Court, shall be satisfied of that fact, then it shall be lawful for said free colored person to return and settle in this State, and the said Orphans Court shall grant to said person a license to that effect.

Which amendments were read, and on the question being put, will the House adopt the said amendments,

Determined in the affirmative.

Said bill was then read, the second time as amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

The rule being suspended,

Mr. Gaither reported a bill entitled, a further supplement to the act relating to mortgages,

Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Mason also reported a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Wm. Freamer and Richard Sheekles of Washington county.

Read the first, and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The House then took up for consideration the order of the day, being the resolutions of Mr. Graves, the unfinished business of yesterday.