

Mr. Magruder proposed the following amendment to the title:

Amend the title of the bill so as to read as follows:

“An act to amend sections 73, 74 and 75, of article 75, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled, Pleadings, Practice and Process, relating to the removal of causes, and to repeal section 72, of said article, relating to such removal of causes;”

Which was adopted.

The title, as amended, was then adopted, and the bill sent to the Senate.

The Honorable, the Speaker, announced the bill entitled, An act to amend section 194, of article 30, of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled, Crimes and Punishments, relating to the sentence of negroes, as the Order of the Day;

The question being upon the amendment, proposed by Mr. J. J. Bowie, as a substitute for the bill (page 310),

Mr. Magruder proposed the following:

Strike out section 194, in Mr. Bowie's substitute and insert:

194. When any negro, whether free or slave, is convicted of any offence, the punishment for which, if he were a white man, would be confinement in the penitentiary, such negro shall be sentenced to be sold either in or out of the State, for such term as the court may deem right, or to be confined in the penitentiary, for such term as a white man would be confined for the same offence, or to receive any number of lashes, not exceeding forty, in the discretion of the court; and in any case which has heretofore occurred, wherein sentence has been passed for the sale of any negro, so convicted, out of the State, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of the State to commute the same, by authorising any such sale to be made within the State; and when any negro, whether slave or free, is convicted of any misdemeanor not punished by confinement in the penitentiary or by some other specific punishment prescribed by the laws of the State, such negro shall be sentenced to confinement in the jail of the county or city, as the case may be, for any time not exceeding one year, or to be sold in the State for such time as the court may deem right, or to receive any number of lashes not exceeding forty, in the discretion of the court;”

After the word “slave,” in 6th line of section 196, of Mr. Bowie's substitute, insert: “and all misdemeanors not punished by confinement in the penitentiary, or by some other specific punishment prescribed by the laws of the State;”

Which were adopted.