

racter, we return you the bill with the following amendments in order that if approved of, your honourable body may incorporate them therein, and return it to us as amended.

Amendments proposed.

1st. Strike out the preamble of the bill.

2nd. Add the following additional sections to the bill:

And be enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any one hereafter emancipated to continue in this state after the lapse of twelve months from the commencement of his emancipation.

And be it enacted, That after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the constables in this state to arrest and bring before a justice of the peace any person found in this state in violation of this act.

And be it enacted, That in all cases where any one shall or may be brought before any justice of the peace under the provisions of this act, if it appeared to the satisfaction of said justice of the peace, that said person or persons so arrested and brought before him is found in this state in violation of this act, he shall forthwith issue an order to the constable who shall or may have brought the said person or persons before him, to hire such person or persons the entire balance of the year in which they may have been arrested, and for each examination of free coloured persons had before him under this act, a justice of the peace, shall be entitled to twenty five cents, to be levied on the county as part of the county charges for the ensuing year.

And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the constable to keep an account of the free coloured persons by them respectively hired out, and the amount of the hire for each received, to be submitted to the levy court, at its first session in the year after such proceedings may have been had under this act, and the amount so returned to be accounted for by the constable to the levy court, for the use and benefit of the county.

And be it enacted, That the levy courts of the respective counties in this state, be, and they are hereby authorised to levy and allow to any constable, who may have taken up and hired out any free people of colour under this act, two dollars for each and every free person of colour so taken up and hired out; Provided, that in no instances such allowances shall exceed two thirds of the amount by hire paid over to the court.

And be it enacted, That any constable, who refuses or neglects to comply with the requisitions of this act, shall be subject to a fine of not more than ten dollars, nor less than three dollars, to be recovered with the costs in the county court where the offence may happen, by indictment.

And be it enacted, That any person hereafter emancipated, may have leave to reside in this state, after the lapse of twelve months from the time of his emancipation, by obtaining from