

Saturday, January 21, 1826.

George Brown, esq. a delegate elect for Somerset county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat. Mr. Williams presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for the repeal of all laws that authorize and compel sheriffs to collect officers fees; referred to Messrs. Williams, Gilpin, Sewell, Stevens and Tyson. Mr. Arnold E. Jones presents a petition from Benjamin Dashiell, of Somerset county, security for George Dashiell; referred to the committee on the same subject. Mr. Teackle presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying to be authorized to excavate a canal in the said county; referred to the committee on internal improvement. Mr. Tyson presents a petition from a number of citizens of Baltimore, praying for the redress of certain grievances; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Howard and Williams. Mr. Speed presents a petition from Alley Parkes, praying for support; referred to the committee on similar petitions. Mr. Kennedy presents a petition from Elizabeth Hammond, of Washington county, praying for a divorce; referred to the standing committee on similar petitions. Mr. Tyson presents a petition from the members of the "Patapsco Fire Company," praying to be incorporated; referred to Messrs. Tyson, McCulloh and Howard. Mr. Potter reports a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act requiring the judges of the county courts of the fourth judicial district of this state, to set apart certain days for the transaction of chancery business in said courts, so far as relates to Caroline county; which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Monday, January 23, 1826.

The house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Grubb. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Messrs. Welch and Brohawn appeared in the house. The bill for the revaluation of real and personal property in Dorchester county, was sent to the senate. Mr. Teackle presents petitions from sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying a confirmation of the law for the subdivision of the election districts; read and ordered to lie on the table. Mr. Barnes presents a petition from Benjamin Marshall; Mr. Gilpin presents a petition from Thomas Wier, old soldiers; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims. Mr. Tyson presents a petition from Thomas Sprigg, of Baltimore, praying relief; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Howard, Merrick, Worthington and Maxcy. The speaker laid before the house a communication from John Archer Robertson; which was read. On motion by Mr. Willson, Ordered, That John Archer Robertson have leave to withdraw his communication. Mr. Speed obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act regulating appeals from magistrates' courts. Ordered, That Messrs. Speed, Teackle and Sappington, report the same. Mr. Brooke obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the jurisdiction of the courts, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Brooke, Perry and Chapman, report the same. The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to appoint trustees for the sale of the property therein mentioned, being the estate of the late Samuel Stevenson, deceased; the bill to change the name of Octavius Wilkinson and others, of Calvert county; and the bill to confirm an act relative to eight separate election districts in Allegany county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill to repeal an act, relative to the increase of pay of the judges of the orphans court, so far as relates to Dorchester county, endorsed "will not pass."

Also the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company of Baltimore, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Also a petition from the levy court of Somerset county, praying for a writ to be levied for the purpose of procuring a court house, endorsed "read and referred to the house of delegates;" which was read and referred to Messrs. Teackle, B. I. Jones and A. E. Jones. Also a communication from the executive, with a resolution from the state of Vermont relative to the abolition of slavery. And a resolution from the state of Tennessee, relative to the mode of electing president and vice-presidents; referred to the committees on those subjects. Also the following message:

By the Senate, January 21, 1826.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, The senate consent to your proposal to go into the election of bank directors on Wednesday next. By order, Wm. Kilty, Clk. And a memorial from the mayor and city council of Baltimore, praying that part of Pratt-street wharf, reserved for the use of the citizens of the state, may be under their control; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Worthington, Spencer, Howard and Ridgway. On motion by Mr. Merrick, he was excused from serving on the committee of grievances and courts of justice, and the speaker appointed Mr. Chapman to fill the vacancy. Mr. Teackle delivers the following report:

Chamber of the Committee on the Penitentiary, Saturday, January 21, 1826.

The committee to whom was referred the address of Messrs. McDonald, and others, directors of the penitentiary, requesting an examination into the condition and administration of that institution, with a view to a correct decision upon the expediency of making a material change in its management, and to ascertain the truth or falsehood of certain rumours in circulation, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, as the result of their deliberations—That the request contained in that address is reasonable, and ought to be acceded to; and that a due regard to the public interest equally demands that examination and inquiry; and to that end the committee would suggest a choice of modes.

1. That the directors, and others concerned in the administration, or supply, of the penitentiary, be required to appear; and that all witnesses, deemed to be necessary to a full elucidation and understanding of the matter, be summoned to testify, at the bar of this house. Or, 2. That a joint deputation from both branches, with power to send for persons and papers, and to examine testimony, be charged to visit the various offices, to examine into and inspect the concerns of the penitentiary in every department, and report at large to the legislature. The committee would recommend the last alternative, as better calculated to achieve the object, as more convenient to all concerned in the administration; and as the least expensive to the public. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order, Littleton Dennis Teackle, Chairman.

Mr. Kennedy reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorize a subscription of stock in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company. Mr. Barnes reports a bill, entitled, An act to establish an inspection of flour and meal in the city of Baltimore; also a bill, entitled, An act relating to the duties of justices of the peace and constables. Mr. Williams reports a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of lumber. Also a bill, entitled, An act repealing all such parts of the law as authorize officers fees to be collected by way of execution, and directing the manner in which such fees may hereafter be recovered. The further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the better regulation of the militia of the city of Baltimore, and the bill to extend the benefit of an act passed Feb. 11, 1823, chapter 152, to Nathaniel Hoskin, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate. The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution relative to the clerk of Caroline county court, endorsed "assented to." Also a petition from Anna and William Baker, and others, praying a certain judgment against Robert Wright, Esq. obtained by the state, may be transferred to them; referred to the committee of ways and means. And a bill, entitled, An act regulating writs of error, and granting appeals to the court of appeals, endorsed "will pass;" which was read. The amendments to the bill to extend the time of taking the bond of the sheriff of Saint Mary's county, were read the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Tuesday, January 24, 1826.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The resolution in favour of Charles Bryan, and the resolution in favour of George Dashiell, and others, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Welch presents a petition from sundry owners and masters of vessels trading in Chester river, praying for an alteration in the draw of Chester bridge; referred to Messrs. Welch, Harris and Stevens. Mr. Worthington presents a petition from Thomas C. Walker, praying that the names of his two sons, may be changed to Craddock; referred to Messrs. Worthington, Shower and Howard. Mr. Boon presents a petition from William Crane of Kent county, praying remuneration for services during the late war; referred to the committee of claims. Mr. Howard presents a petition from sundry citizens of Baltimore, praying for a law to incorporate the Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland Steam Navigation Company; referred to Messrs. Howard, Tyson, and Shower.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from the orphans and levy courts of Cecil county, praying that the costs of the prosecution of John Conner, may be paid by the state; referred to Messrs. Thomas, Gilpin, Harlan, Welch and Boon.

Mr. Howard presents a memorial from the professors of the Medical College of Baltimore, counter to the petition for the establishment of a new medical school; read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Teackle delivers the following report: The committee on lotteries beg leave to present the result of their deliberations upon the report of the Lottery Commissioners, and upon other matters connected with that subject.

In their exhibit A. the commissioners state the aggregate amount of lotteries drawn in the city of Baltimore during the year 1825, at one million forty two thousand three hundred and thirty dollars, as follows, viz.

1. Lotteries drawn by P. Canfield,	\$320,040
2. " " " Yates & McIntyre,	340,290
3. " " " On account of the state,	230,000
4. Consolidated Lottery No. 2 on account of Cohen,	152,000

Total as above \$1,042,330

In addition to that aggregate, it has appeared from documents in the executive department, that the state lottery No. 3 was also drawn on the 31st March, 1825, 180,000 That the Consolidated Lottery No. 3 for account of Cohen, will be drawn on the 15th day of February next, 308,000 And that the 8th class of P. Canfield's lottery will be drawn also in February next, 784,000

1,772,000

Making, together, the further amount of one million two hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars, over and above the amount expended by the lottery commissioners, and composing a gross aggregate of \$2,314,330

And, considering, that the lotteries contained in the report of the Lottery Commissioners commenced on the 25th day of January 1825, and that those of Cohen and Canfield will be concluded in all the month of February next, the whole time may be taken as thirteen months, and abating one-thirteenth part from the gross aggregate of \$2,314,330 0,178,025

Say one-thirteenth part of \$2,314,330, 0,178,025

And there will remain as the amount of drawings for the year, two millions one hundred and thirty-six thousand three hundred and five dollars, \$2,136,305

It will be understood that the foregoing calculations are based upon the lemma that the entire scheme of Cohen and Canfield, will have been sold and completed within the times proposed by them for their respective drawings. That anticipation may not be realised, but from the superior credit of the state's lotteries, it may be believed, that under proper arrangements for frequent drawings, and from the exclusive attention of the commissioner, being devoted to that service, their operations might be extended to an annual amount of, but little short of, two millions of dollars, and perhaps more. And computing the average of gain at ten per centum the result would be at, or near to, two hundred thousand dollars, from this branch of the public revenue.

The committee are warranted in anticipating an average gain of ten per centum, as the amount reserved upon the prizes is fifteen, and the maximum of allowance on the sales of tickets is five per centum, and as that allowance will be graduated according to the quantum of the several sales, the effect of that graduation might prove sufficient to cover the salaries and compensations of the commissioners, and their clerk, and pay the charges of the different drawings. Having taken into consideration the vast involution of capital in the contemplation of the proposed system, and the obvious policy of inspiring the highest grade of faith and confidence in the state's lotteries, the committee have paid a due regard to the requisition and continuance of adequate security from the agents entrusted with this concern; and as the labour and attention necessary to a due discharge of the various duties to be imposed, will be greatly increased, the committee have contemplated a commensurate increase of compensation. And, in other respects, with a view to the protection of the public interest, they have endeavoured to interpose the proper checks, and precautionary provisions.

All which is respectfully submitted. By order, Littleton Dennis Teackle.

Read and referred to the committee of ways and means. Mr. Howard presents a petition from George L. Opperman, praying for a divorce; referred to the standing committee.

Mr. Sappington obtained leave to withdraw certain papers accompanying the memorial of Basil D. Stevenson and others, praying that they may be permitted to sell the real estate therein mentioned.

Mr. Hughlett reports a bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners for the purpose of altering the divisional line between the first and second election districts in Caroline county; which was twice read by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Williams, the following order was read and assented to: Ordered, That for the greater despatch of business, and for the purpose of bringing this session of the general assembly to a close as early as practicable, consistently with the public interest, this house will hereafter sit from 9 A. M. until 3 P. M. and from 6 P. M. until 9 P. M. during the remainder of the session.

Mr. Spencer presents a petition from William Baker and others, praying relief; referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Thomas presents a petition from many inhabitants of Cecil county, praying a change in the manner of collecting officers fees; referred to Messrs. Thomas, Harlan and Gilpin.

Mr. Merrick reports a bill, entitled, An act respecting the new jail of Washington county.

Also a bill, entitled, An act respecting the town of Clear Spring in Washington county.

Mr. Millard reports a bill, entitled, An act to divorce Elisha Winn and Mary Winn, of the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Gantt reports a bill, entitled, An act to protect the breed of fish in the rivers and waters of Anne-Arundel county.

Mr. Speed reports a bill, entitled, An act regulating appeals from magistrates' courts.

On motion by Mr. Montgomery, Ordered, That the report received from the directors of the penitentiary, so far as it relates to the medical department of said penitentiary, be referred to a select committee of five, to be named by the speaker.

The speaker appointed Messrs. Montgomery, Williams, Barrette, Mayhew and Willson. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Mr. Worthington reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the names of Thomas Craddock Walker, and John Craddock Walker, minors, and sons of Doctor Thomas C. Walker, of Baltimore county; to Thomas Craddock and John Craddock; which was twice by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.

Wednesday, January 25, 1826. The resolution in favour of Mrs. Anne M. Tennent, and the bill authorizing the recording of the deed therein mentioned, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Barrette presents a petition from Mary King, of Prince-George, praying for a divorce; referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Barrette presents a memorial from sundry pilots of Maryland, in and for the Chesapeake Bay, praying for a new and improved pilot law referred to.

Mr. McCulloh reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the levy courts of Baltimore and Harford counties to build a bridge over the Little Fall of Gunpowder at Lee's Mill on the Belton Air road.

Mr. Teackle, chairman of the several committees on these subjects, reported, a bill entitled, An act to abolish in certain cases the compulsory writ of capias ad satisfaciendum; also a bill, entitled, An act to amend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, as relates to the power of authorizing arrest and commitment in certain civil cases, and a bill, entitled, An act to amend the civil practice of courts in relation to mesne process.

A rumour has been set afloat in Havana, that the Spanish squadron in port would shortly make a cruise along the coast of Colombia, but as the skill, talents and naval capacity of Commodore Laborde are of the highest order, it is thought by persons at a distance, that he will not make a demonstration until the object of the expedition fitting out at Carthagena is more clearly defined.

The strength of the Colombian fleet, since its late reinforcements, is known to be superior to that of the Spanish Royal squadron; and as there is a possibility that the latter may have something to do at its present anchorage, there is a probability that the cruise will be deferred until a more favourable occasion. Sailing along the Colombian coast could accomplish little in the way of attacking the enemy, but might afford that enemy an opportunity of returning the compliment with effect.

Balt. Gaz.

The Charleston Courier of the 17th inst. states that two attempts were made to fire that city on the previous night. Great excitement and alarm prevailed in consequence.

Extract of a letter to the Editor of the Watchman dated Dover, (Del.) Jan. 17.

"The Commissioners appointed by the state of Maryland to confer with the Legislatures of Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, on the subject of Negro Runaways, arrived here on Friday. They consist of Ezekiel F. Chambers, Esq. of the Senate, Robert H. Goldsborough, and Archibald Lee, Esq. of the House of Representatives. Upon receiving their communication, each house appointed a committee on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House of Representatives, as a joint committee to meet and confer with them on the subject of the delegation. On Saturday afternoon, the committee received the Delegates in the Senate chamber, and were addressed in succession by Mr. Chambers and Mr. Goldsborough, who presented in a very candid and handsome manner, an exposition of the views and wishes of the State of Maryland upon this delicate subject. A bill has since been introduced and is pending, which I understand, is the result of the conferences which have taken place and meets the wishes of the delegation of Maryland. The bill goes to enforce the laws of this state and of the United States, by proper regulations."

The workmen in the New-York dry dock employed in the construction of a marine rail way in which it becomes necessary to drive piers down and in technical phraseology, to dress them to proper level under water. We learn from the sub-aquatic engineer, that this work goes rapidly on by the means of a diving bell; twelve hands usually employed—the piles cut off under water are one hundred and eighty-one, of which seventy are dressed to a proper level.

Representative in Congress. By virtue of a writ of election issued by the Governor and Council of Maryland, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the several election districts of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's counties, for the election of a Representative in Congress to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Joseph Kent on Wednesday the first day of February next.

Robert Welch, (of Ben) Sheriff A. A. County, George Semmes, Sheriff P. County, January 18, 1826.

Committee on Engrossed Bills. Messrs. Banning, Rogerson, Grubb, Hughes, Sappington, On the part of the Senate, Messrs. Thomas, Tilghman, Bowie, Bradwyn, Dickinson.

By order, Isaac Hines, Engraving Office.

Committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice. Messrs. Merrick, Tyson, Speed, Ridout, McCulloh, Perry, Ridgway.

By order, Isaac Hines, Engraving Office.

Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Watkins, Mr. Daniel H. Woods, to Miss Winifred W. Wood, daughter of Mr. Francis Welch of this city.

UNITED STATES SENATOR. The Hon. DANIEL F. CHAMBERS was on Tuesday last elected by the Legislature of this state to fill the vacancy caused in the senate of the United States, by the resignation of the Hon. Edward Lloyd.

BANK DIRECTORS.—The legislature yesterday elected the following gentlemen Bank Directors on the part of the state for the ensuing year: For the Union Bank of Maryland, Alexander C. Ballitt and John P. Kennedy. For the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore, William Stewart and Tobias E. Stansbury. For the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore, George Reister and John G. Prood.

For the Farmers Bank of Maryland Theodorick Bland and Jeremiah T. Chase. For the Branch of the Farmers Bank of Maryland at Easton, William Clark and Lambert W. Spencer. For the Hagers Town Bank, David Schenck and John Vanhook Junr. And for the Elk River Bank, Adam Whann.

Elk Ridge, 25d Jan. 1826.

Mr. Green, a writer in the Maryland Republican, declares the signature of a "Voter," has called upon me, as a Candidate for Congress, to declare whether I intend, if elected, to join a party that he is pleased to believe is formed, opposing against Mr. Adams' administration. I can assure "Voter," that as I never have, and I never will join any party for such a purpose. That I shall if elected, support the administration of my country, in every thing I believe to be right, as every American ought, reserving to myself the right of voting at all times, whether in or out of Congress, as I believe in my conscience to be correct. JOHN C. WELLS.

TO THE VOTERS. Of Anne-Arundel and Prince-George's Counties. Fellow Citizens, As at this time you will be called upon in the exercise of your elective franchise, to select some person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the translation of Doctor Kent from his station of Representative in Congress to that of Governor of this state. The selection of an individual to a high and responsible station, under a government like ours, where each citizen enjoys the same rights and privileges, is a matter of some consequence not only to the person seeking for office, but to those who have the power of conferring it. The relative position which they occupy towards each other, and that the principles of the applicant, by which his political conduct is to be regulated, should be known to those who have the power of appointment for myself, I have only to remark, that as I always have been, a decided Republican, and that I have invariably approved of and supported the present happy situation of affairs, and which have obtained for a Republican administration, after a contest of twenty years, the eulogium of its once most formidable opponents. As the election will take place in so short a period, that I cannot possibly appear before you personally, and as the inclemency of the season, renders public meetings impracticable, I shall in as brief a manner as possible endeavour to give you some idea of the course of conduct which I have prescribed to myself in the event of my receiving the support from the freemen of this district. As a Marylander, and as a man, I am deeply interested in the subject of Internal Improvement, and I am friendly to a gradual increase of the same, to a liberal appropriation for the same, and internal improvement—to the change of the constitution with regard to the election of President and Vice President—to an uniform system of bankruptcy, and to the encouragement of domestic manufactures to a limited extent. Having been for several years a member of our state legislature, and enjoying as I do now, the confidence of those who sent me, I have every reason to believe my conduct whilst there was such as they approved of, regulated as I hope it was, by the purest maxims of moral and political honesty; nor can I omit on the present occasion, the opportunity which presents itself, of returning to them, my most acknowledgments for the general support which they have invariably given me.

To my fellow citizens of Anne-Arundel I would remark, that I am fully aware of the services which designing and deeply interested politicians have created against an election from that part of the Congression of this state, in which I happen to reside. But I cannot believe that a feeling so unnational, and that of promoting the views of certain political aspirants can have any weight of influence with the great body of the voters who can have no other object in view, than that of promoting their country's good. How, for the dissemination of such a feeling is calculated to further our interests, I leave to the decision of every unprejudiced mind. For myself I have always been taught to be sure that nothing was more to be dreaded, than a government like ours, than political parties distinguished by Geographical Sect. And I hope I may be excused for remarking, that he who would knowingly excite such a feeling in this district to advance his interests in the political world, would not be able to extend it, when by so doing he can still further benefit himself. What difference can it possibly make, whether the candidate be a resident of Prince-George's or an inhabitant of Anne-Arundel? Are not the interests of the two counties the same? Are they not equally interested in the prosperity of the state and the welfare of the people of both counties to the government?