

lars for repairing the national road, transmitted to the executive department by our senators in congress. Also a letter from the honorable Philip Reed, acknowledging the receipt of the resolutions of the general assembly, approving of the conduct of the general government, as it regards national defence. And a letter from the governor of Massachusetts, inclosing resolutions of that commonwealth, relative to congress establishing banks or monied institutions; which were read.

The following letter was ordered to be entered on the journal.

WASHINGTON, 25th January, 1823.

His excellency Samuel Stevens, Esq.

SIR—I have to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, which your excellency did me the honor to write to me, under date of the 30th ult. covering resolutions of the senate and house of delegates in relation to measures of defence adopted by the general government, and of the views entertained by the legislature relative to the improvement of the navigation of the rivers Potomac and Susquehanna. I pray your excellency, and the honorable the legislature, to believe, that as my humble exertions have been always employed, when an occasion required, in the various means of affording protection to our country, and promoting its internal resources, so it will be to me a source of gratification, to co-operate with the views of the legislature, in promoting those great objects, whensoever a proper occasion shall be presented.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your excellency's most obedient humble servant,
PHILIP REED.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1823.

The House met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion by Mr. Norris, the following order was read:

Ordered, That this house will sit, during the remainder of the session, from 9 o'clock, A. M. until 4 o'clock, P. M. for the dispatch of public business.

On motion by Mr. Purviance, *Ordered*, that the committee of claims be instructed to enquire into the expense of printing the laws which may have passed during the present session of the legislature, in one or more of the newspapers which are published in the cities of Baltimore, Frederick and Annapolis, and the town of Easton, and report upon the expediency of the same.

Mr. Howard presents a petition from Matilda Simmons, of Anne-Arundel county, praying for support; read and referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Meconiken presents a petition from Thomas Wright, of Queen Anne's county, praying indulgence, as security to Samuel T. Wright, which was read and referred to Messrs. Meconiken, Roberts and Wright.

Mr. Howard delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick and Montgomery counties, praying a law may pass taxing dogs, beg leave to report, that they have had them under consideration, and are of opinion, that it would be inexpedient at this time to legislate on the subject. By order, T. CROSS, Clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

Mr. Dennis presents a petition from Nathaniel Boggs, praying to be permitted to reside in this state; read and referred to Messrs. Dennis, Jones and Teackle.

The resolution in favor of Samuel Lecompte, and others, was read the second time, assented to, as sent to the senate.

Mr. H. Kemp reports a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the administration of justice in cases of crimes and misdemeanors in Frederick county. Mr. Stone reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Susanna Mason, Mary Kirby, Eleanor Bowling, Mary Dorsey and Chloe Dart, of Saint Mary's county. And Mr. H. Kemp reports a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of George Creager, of Frederick county; which were read.

The resolution giving to Salisbury academy two hundred dollars, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Cainell, was postponed.

Mr. Carroll reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of electing the mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council, of the city of Annapolis, and for other purposes; and Mr. Parker reports a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and Chesapeake bay; which were read.

The bill for the extension of Washington street, in Rockville, was read the second time; on motion by Mr. A. Lee, the question was put, that the same be postponed until Monday next? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The order proposing that the house shall sit from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M. was read the second time, Mr. Pratt moved to insert 6 o'clock in lieu of 4? Determined in the negative. The order was then assented to.

On motion by Mr. Purviance, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council of this state, shall appoint three commissioners, who shall be directed to lay out and survey a route for a canal, which will connect the waters of the Susquehanna with the city of Baltimore. Beginning at the Conowago falls, on said river, and report upon the practicability, the expense and other necessary circumstances attending the same, to the next general assembly.