

roads in Dorchester county, from doing duty on said roads, endorsed, will pass, ordered to be engrossed; and delivers a bill entitled, an act to confirm an act entitled, an act to extend to all the citizens of Maryland the same civil rights and religious privileges that are enjoyed under the constitution of the United States; endorsed, will pass, which was read.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, ordered that the bill to incorporate the Ohio and Chesapeake canal company have a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Leigh reports a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of William C. Sommerville, of Saint Mary's county.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the report of the committee of elections and privileges, relative to the seat of Jeremiah Hughes.

On motion by Mr. Chesley the question was put, that the words "not according to the 37th section of the constitution of this state," be stricken out. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Chesley the words "the seat of the said Jeremiah Hughes be vacated," was stricken out and the words "memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial," were inserted, the report was then concurred with.

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon, the bill to extend to all the citizens of Maryland the same civil rights and religious privileges that are enjoyed under the constitution of the United States, was postponed until Tuesday next.

The message relative to the revision of the constitution, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon, the following message was read:—

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 14, 1834.

Gentlemen of the Senate,—We have to acknowledge the receipt, by transmission from your honorable body, of the reply of William Hayward, Esquire, to certain resolutions containing an expression of the opinion of the General Assembly of Maryland, as to the propriety of a caucus nomination of candidates for the offices of President and Vice President, by the members of the National Legislature. Had it been transmitted to us directly from the hands of the writer of it, it would probably have met with that reception from us and have found that place in our hall which, however high the respect we might entertain for the author of it, we could not but deem due to its intrinsic merit and delicacy, a place under our tables.

Although garnished with many professions of regard and esteem for the Legislature of Maryland and of respect for its opinions in all cases where respect is due to them, yet in our opinion these declarations only serve as so many reliefs to place in a more striking point of view and to render more glaring those expressions in it which would fain impute to us not merely an error in the performance of duty but even a criminal negligence or forgetfulness of it, or which would charge us with an attempt to usurp that right of instruction which resides exclusively with the people. As our resolutions were aimed against acts of a private and unofficial character, which however have been heretofore surreptitiously invested with the garb of official dignity, we cannot well conceive how the gentleman above named or any of our Senators and Representatives in Congress to whom the same were transmitted, could for a moment have regarded as instructions or imperative requests, or could have founded upon them a laboured declamation against legislative usurpation: nor can we see in such replies any thing else than a vain attempt to cast the cloak over their own illegal assumptions and exercises of power by raising the hue and cry against those which they would denominate the usurpations of the General Assembly of Maryland.

It is but too manifest, as the reply rather frankly confesses, that the construction therein placed upon the caucus resolutions as they are termed, was not founded upon a candid and dispassionate consideration of them, but rather that in viewing them and in seeking for their purport, the author may be likened unto those who hearing, hear not, and seeing, see not. Had such a consideration been given to them it would have been evident that they regarded caucus nominations as heretofore made by virtue of an implied or express assent of the majority of the nation, with a view of concentrating their will and opinion and as illegal nominations in all cases, unless based upon such assent and that they contained nothing but a bare expression of the opinion of the General Assembly of Maryland, in relation to the legality of those in question at this moment. We cannot well divine in what new book of constitutions or article of rights the legislature of Maryland, or any of the state legislatures are inhibited the expression of an opinion upon acts which are upon the very face of them, flagrant atrocious usurpations or which would fain be such, upon the rights of the smaller states. The respect which we owe to your honorable body impels us to a course of conduct, which we would not have pursued in relation of such a paper coming from a less authoratative source and urges it upon us to return it to you, having it with your honorable body to make such disposition of it as you may deem proper.

Mr. Leigh presents a petition from Amelia Maddux praying for a divorce; referred to the committee on that subject.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the reports of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims. The resolutions in favor of Robert Wil-mott, Isaac Holland, Thomas Chapman, Henry Perry, James Ruark, Joseph Cresap, Joseph Williams, James M'Colleston, Catharine Plane, Standley Robinson, Benjamin West and Elizabeth Armstrong; were assented to.

The resolution in favor of John Bennett, was dissented from. The unfavorable report on the petition of John Vance, was concurred with.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill entitled, an act authorising the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to appoint Wood Corders, endorsed will pass, which was read; and the bill to

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