

dent of said county. Whereupon Messieurs. Stewart, Kent and Linthicum, were appointed a committee to prepare the same.

Mr. Gantt asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to repeal an act passed at November session, 1812. Whereupon Messrs. Gantt, Peach and Bell, were appointed a committee to prepare the same.

On motion by Mr. Ridgaway, it was Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed by the speaker, to enquire into the condition of the public arms in the armoury at Annapolis, the services rendered by the armourer, and the expediency of abolishing his office, or reducing his salary. Whereupon, in compliance with the above order, the speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Ridgaway, Done, Barnes, Farquhar and Stevens, as the committee thereby authorised.

Mr. Tyson submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were twice read, and ordered to lie on the table, viz.

Whereas foreign nations have long turned their attention towards the acquirement of a more perfect knowledge of the geography of the earth, by means of voyages of discovery; and by their exertions have not only acquired reputation, but extended the weight of their influence, opened new channels for commercial enterprise, and benefitted the human race by enlarging and improving the boundaries of knowledge: And whereas the government of the United States has attained a high standing among the nations of the earth, (the practical result of the most stupendous, as well as successful experiment ever made in politics,) a population fast increasing, commercial relations and interests co-extensive with the civilized world, nautical skill, perseverance and enterprise, if not unequalled, at least unsurpassed: And whereas, the sending out one or two vessels on a voyage of discovery, would not be attended with any very heavy demands on the public treasury, and would seem to be in strict accordance with the character and liberal policy which ought to be pursued by a government, whose political existence is in a great measure dependent on the general intelligence of her people: And whereas, a great number of the most enlightened citizens of different sections of our country, have memorialized the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled, and have set forth in their memorial, That under the patronage of the United States, an expedition should be fitted out without delay, and proceed to acquire a more perfect knowledge of the northern parts of our own Continent, or if possible to enter the more interesting and extensive field for enterprise in the Southern Hemisphere; and, provided for the purpose, with hardy seamen and scientific persons, to bring home to us the result