

A memorial from the president, managers and company, of the Baltimore and Frederick-town turnpike road, praying a law authorising them to receive toll on the bridge erected across the river Monocacy, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Partridge, Mr. M'Elderry and Mr. Lowrey, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the resolution in favour of Charles Sewell and James R. Green, of Charles county, be referred to a special committee.

ORDERED, That Mr. Partridge, Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Lowrey, be the said committee.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief and benefit of Horatio Moore, of Charles county, a bill, entitled, An act to open a road in Frederick county, severally passed by that house December 19, 1809; a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Edward Foard, of Cæcil county, a bill, entitled, An act authorising Zachariah Duvall, collector of Anne-Arundel county, to complete his collection, severally passed by that house December 20, 1809; and the following resolutions:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 19, 1809.

RESOLVED, That the amendment proposed by the legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts to the constitution of the United States, on the sixteenth day of June, eighteen hundred and nine, so as to make it unlawful to lay an embargo, or to prohibit or suspend commerce, for a longer period than until the expiration of thirty days from the commencement of the session of congress next succeeding that session in which such law shall have been enacted, be and the same is hereby disapproved by the legislature of this state; and that our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, and they are hereby instructed and requested, to oppose the said amendment.

RESOLVED, That the governor of this state be and he is hereby requested to transmit to each of the senators and representatives in congress from this state a copy of these resolutions, and also to the executive of each state, with a request that they be submitted to the legislature thereof.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 19, 1809.

Whereas the unexampled conduct of Francis James Jackson, late minister plenipotentiary of his Britannic majesty near the United States, has induced the president to make known, that no further communications will be received from him: And whereas the general assembly of Maryland, duly appreciate the correctness of such procedure; therefore RESOLVED, That the conduct of Francis James Jackson, in charging the executive with closing the late negotiation with his predecessor, Mr. Erskine, under a perfect knowledge that the powers vested in him were not commensurate to the object, was a violation of the decorum and respect due the American government.

RESOLVED, That after the explicit and repeated declarations of the president, (through the proper organ of communication,) that he had no knowledge of any want of power in Mr. Erskine to conclude the late negotiation, and that if such knowledge had existed the arrangement would not have been made, that then the reiteration of the original charge was in effect to add insult to injury.

RESOLVED, That the circular letter, bearing the signature of the said Francis James Jackson, is an additional proof of the disrespect and contempt which has marked the conduct of that minister towards the American government, and is highly calculated to rouse the indignant spirit of an independent people.

RESOLVED, That the suspicion expressed by Francis James Jackson, through Charles Oakly, his Britannic majesty's secretary of legation, for the personal safety of himself and suite, intimates an abandonment, on our part, of the most sacred principle of the law of nations, and contains an unwarrantable reflection upon the people of the United States.

RESOLVED, That our senators in congress be instructed, and the representatives be requested, and they are hereby instructed and requested, to support the government of our country in whatever consequences may flow from the dismissal of Francis James Jackson, the British minister; and to carry those measures into effect which that almost unprecedented and unfortunate occurrence may make it necessary to adopt, this legislature, representing the free and independent yeomanry of Maryland, pledges itself for them in their property, their lives and their sacred honours.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 20, 1809.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to George W. Bradford, of Harford county, or order, the sum of forty-three pounds twelve shillings and three-pence, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. The senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act to amend and establish Argyle alley, in the city of Baltimore, and the question was put, Shall this bill pass with the proposed amendment? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Mr. Thomas, president, Mr. Lowrey, Mr. M'Elderry, Mr. Whitely and Mr. Williams. 5.

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Partridge and Mr. Purnell. 4.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.