

Mr. Dorsey from the committee of grievances and courts of justice, delivers the following report :

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, beg leave further to report, that they find that Tobias E. Stansbury, then a brigadier general in the militia of this state, and now a delegate to the general assembly of Maryland from Baltimore county, on the 28th day of July last, at the gaol of Baltimore county, did refuse to obey or aid the civil authority in the preservation of the tranquility of the city—That he frequently used violent and inflammatory expressions, intended and calculated to excite the mob to break the gaol, and to murder Mr. Hanson and his friends, who had confided themselves to the protection of the law; and to depress the exertions of those who labored to allay the infuriated temper of the turbulent, and to divert the assassins from the consummation of their savage designs. That he was present when the cruelties were perpetrated either on General Lee or Lingan. That he has frequently before and since that day, expressed his opinion and wish that those persons, who were defending the house in Charles street, ought to have been put to death when in the house by the mob; & has also declared, that if he had been present, that he would have aided in their destruction.

When your committee reflect upon the many manifestations of confidence which Mr. Stansbury has received from his immediate constituents, and the public functionaries of the state; when they recollect how frequently and solemnly he had sworn, before the Supreme Being, to support the constitution and laws; when they consider the high and important command which he then bore in the service of the state, and the only object of which was the indiscriminate and general security of his fellow citizens, they cannot but express their indignant feelings at the course pursued on that eventful night by General Stansbury, and their belief, that the evidence collected by them, is so strong as to justify a well grounded opinion, that he consented to, and countenanced the completion of the horrible butcheries of that night; and that the house of delegates of Maryland is bound by every consideration of justice and expediency, to adopt every constitutional means with which it is invested, to bring to a fair and impartial trial the said Tobias E. Stansbury, for his conduct, in relation to the attack on the gaol, and the murder of General James Lingan.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of a few of the inhabitants of Harford county, was read the second time and concurred in.

The report on the petition of John Norris, of Harford county, was read the second time, concurred in, and the report therein contained assented to.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Benjamin Harwood, relative to the resolution authorising him to transfer thirty thousand dollars of the six per cent stock to the president and directors of the Potomac company; which was read and referred to Messrs Bowles, Dorsey and Parnham.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favor of Samuel Moale, endorsed, "dissented from." The resolutions relative to the treasurer of the Eastern Shore; the resolution relative to Chancellor Kilty's report of British statutes; the resolution in favor of John Kean, junr. late sheriff of Harford county; and the resolution in favor of Sedgwick James, of Harford county, severally endorsed, "assented to."

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the infant children of William Ringgold, late of Kent county, deceased; the bill entitled, an act to make public an old road leading from John Stump's Rock Run mill, in Harford county; the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Ann Matilda Hebb, an infant child of William Hebb, of Prince George's county; the bill entitled, an act to extend the same constitutional privileges to all persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath as are now enjoyed by the religious societies called Quakers, Menonists, Tunkers, and Nicholites or New Quakers, and to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as are repugnant thereto; and the bill entitled, an act to authorise Barruch Fowler, of Anne-Arundel county, to convey and to receive a conveyance of certain land therein mentioned, severally endorsed, "will not pass." And the bill entitled, an act to repeal so much of the laws of the state as requires property qualification in jurors, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

The house resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of grievances and courts of justice; and on motion by Mr. Donaldson, the question was put, that the following words be stricken out, "The weight of character, the necessary concomitant of wealth and political standing in society, was not generally brought into action to allay the excited feelings of the city; but on the other hand, a belief was impressed that Mr. Hanson and his immediate political friends, were enemies to the country; that his visit to Baltimore was the consequence of an arrangement to insult and dragoon the citizens; that they were murderers; that they would avail themselves of a constitutional right to change the venue to an adjoining county, and thus escape the punishment due to their crimes?" Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Donaldson, the question was put, that the following words be stricken out, "And still omitted to enter a suggestion on the record, that the state could not have a fair trial, and to pray that the records might be transmitted to another county?" Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, that the house concur in the first part of the report, containing the narrative of events? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs Millard, Plater, Blackistone, Causin, Boyer, Reynolds, Taney, Turner, Emerson, Dorsey, Parnham, Ford, Hambleton, Caldwell, Banning, Seth, Bayly, Long, A. E. Jones, Waller, J. Stewart, Lecompte, Griffith, Evans, Lusby, Callis, Davis, Delaplaine, Young, Hughlett, A. Jones, Kilgeur, Crabb, Riggs, M'Culloh, Robinett.—36.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs C. Hall, Marriott, Belt, W. Hall, L. Duvall, Stansbury, Harryman, Warner, Randall, Claude, L. Duvall, Wright, Stevens, Forwood, (of Wm.) Forwood, (of Jacob,) Bond, Donaldson, Barney, Bowles, Sprigg.—20.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.