

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day.

The House proceeded to consider the preamble and resolutions submitted by Mr. Bowie, on the 30th January, in relation to the unsettled claim against the government of the United States, for monies advanced by the State for the "use and benefit of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain ;"

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

Said preamble was amended by striking out in the 6th line thereof the word "which," and also, these words, "the two Houses of Congress during the session of," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "first session 19th Congress."

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

Said preamble was further amended by striking out from the words "Great Britain," in the 11th line, to the word "and," in the 15th line.

On motion of Mr. Worthington, of Baltimore county,

Said preamble was further amended by striking out in the 18th line, the word "principal," and also, by striking out in the same line from the word "improvement," to the word "without," in the 20th line.

Mr. Bowie moved further to amend said preamble and resolutions by inserting as the 3rd resolution the following :

"Resolved, That the said agents, be and they are hereby allowed a commission of two and a half per cent. on such sum or sums of money as they shall actually receive, and cause to be paid over to the Treasury of the State as hereinafter provided."

Which was read,

Mr. Frazier moved to amend said resolution by striking out "two and a half per cent.," and inserting in lieu thereof, "two per cent.;" Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Worthington, of Baltimore county, moved to amend the 4th resolution, by striking out from the word "shore," in the fourth line, to the end of said resolution, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, "to be by him applied to the payment of the interest on the public debt, as soon as received."

Mr. Potter moved as a substitute for said amendment, to strike out from the word "paid," in the 3rd line of said resolution to the end thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, "into the treasury of the State where it shall remain until further appropriated by law :"

On the question being put,

"Will the House accept the substitute?"

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the amendment as offered by Mr. Worthington, of Baltimore county.

Mr. Archer offered as a substitute for said amendment the following, strike out after the word "shore," in the 4th line of said resolution, and insert in lieu thereof the following, "and that it be added to the sinking fund as soon as received;"