

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

Messrs. Ireland, Thomas, Holland, Rose, Hyland, Bayly, Sheredine, Alexander, Shaaff, Sudler, Williams, Purnell, Hawkins, Shriver, Montgomery, Forwood, E. Davis, Lytle, Dickson, Dugan, T. Davis, Tomlinson, Crefap. 23.

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Messrs. Barber, R. Neale, W. Neale, Hopewell, Angier, Hatchefon, Harwood, Hall, Dorsey, Grahame, Gantt, Carcaud, Stuart, Jones, Chapman, M'Pherson, Lemmon, Brown, Dashiell, Cottman, Goldsborough, Frazier, Keene, Veazey, Miller, Van-Horn, Lyles, Muir, Roberts, Lowrey, Sturgis, Rich, Turpin, Pearce, Smith, Yates, Swearingen, Veatch, Linthicum, Bayard. 40.

So it was determined in the negative. The question was then put, That the house reconsider the second session of said bill? Determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the further consideration of said bill be postponed till to-morrow.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to the act authorising the trustees of Charlotte-Hall school to lay off a town in Saint-Mary's county, &c. the bill to restrain the practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by fieri factas and selling them by venditioni exponas, the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, the bill to pay the civil list, and the bill to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, severally endorsed "will pass;" and the resolution in favour of William Gardiner, endorsed "assented to," which were ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill for the relief of Samuel Nicolls, endorsed "will not pass;" the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for repairing Shrewsbury church, in Kent county, the bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read.

A bill to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals, endorsed "will pass;" which was read.

And a letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing a letter from William Pinkney, Esquire, relative to the bank stock of this state in the bank of England; which was read, and referred to a committee.

TUESDAY, DEC. 13, 1803.

A petition from William Amos, of Hartford county, was read and referred.

Mr. Rose delivers a bill to enable the levy court of Talbot county to assess and levy a certain sum of money for the respective purposes therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Van-Horn delivers a bill to alter and change the names of James Clerk, and Margaret Ruffel his wife, of Prince-George's county, and of their children; which was read.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and on further progression in reading said bill, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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Messrs. Barber, W. Neale, Ireland, Thomas, Mercer, Grahame, Gantt, Holland, Stuart, Jones, Lemmon, Ridgely, Rose, Dashiell, Hyland, Goldsborough, Keene, Bayly, Miller, Sheredine, Alexander, Shaaff, Thompson, Sudler, Sturgis, Williams, Wilson, Purnell, Hawkins, Shriver, Montgomery, Forwood, E. Davis, Lytle, Turpin, Pearce, Dickson, Dugan, Zeller, T. Davis, Tomlinson, Crefap, Simkins. 43.

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Messrs. R. Neale, Hopewell, Angier, Hatchefon, Harwood, Hall, Dorsey, Carcaud, Chapman, M'Pherson, Brown, Lloyd, Cottman, Veazey, Van-Horn, Lyles, Muir, Roberts, Lowrey, Rich, Smith, Yates, Swearingen, Veatch, Linthicum, Bayard. 26.

So it was resolved in the affirmative. The bill authorising any person prosecuted for a libel to give the truth in evidence, was read the second time and passed.

The following resolution being propounded to the house was read.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising any person prosecuted for a libel to give the truth in evidence, having been passed, and so declared by the chair, without any formal decision having taken place by rising. Resolved, That in order to express the sentiments of each individual member upon the subject, the yeas and nays be taken and declared on the passage of the said bill.

On the second reading thereof, the question was put, that the word "formal" be stricken out of the said resolution? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 37 nays 34.

On progression in reading the said resolution, the question was put, That the words "by rising" be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the words "and no member objecting to the passage of the said bill," be inserted in the said resolution after the word "place?" Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 44 nays 15.

The question was then put, That the following words be inserted at the end of the preamble in the said resolution? "But one member having objected to the passage of the said bill being entered as unanimous, as being out of order, on account of the

speaker having declared the bill passed before it was moved to enter it unanimous? Determined in the negative, yeas 28 nays 37.

The resolution being read throughout, the question was put, That the house assent thereto? Determined in the negative, yeas 34 nays 38.

The question was then put, That the house now adjourn? Determined in the negative.

The following resolution was propounded to the house and read.

Resolved, That it be entered on the journals that the bill, entitled, An act authorising any person prosecuted for a libel to give the truth in evidence, passed unanimously.

The resolution being read the second time, on motion, That the house assent thereto? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Determined in the negative, yeas 34 nays 35.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, 1803.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, from sundry citizens of Maryland, and from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, were read and referred.

Petitions from Robert Mickle, James Williamson, John Parish, Hugh Boner and Thomas Ristone, of Baltimore county, and Aaron Rawlings, of Calvert county, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

Mr. Clarke delivers a bill for the benefit of the congregation of the German or high Dutch reformed christian church in Frederick-town, in Frederick county; which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore was read and referred.

Ordered, That Mr. Bayly and Mr. Keene be added to the committee on the petition of John Griffin.

Ordered, That the bill to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals, have a second reading on Tuesday next.

Mr. Sheredine delivers a bill for the relief of Hugh McCoy, Samuel Patterfson Wallace and George Lashley, of Cecil county; which was read.

Ordered, That the said bill have a second reading on Wednesday next.

A petition from Overton Carr, of Prince-George's county, was read and referred.

The bill to establish pilots, and regulate their fees, was passed and sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of Elijah Sturgis was read the second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill authorising any person prosecuted for a libel to give the truth in evidence, was sent to the senate.

Mr. T. Davis delivers a bill for the benefit of John Lyon, of Montgomery county; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill authorising the drawing of a lottery to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the streets of the city of Annapolis, and for other purposes.

Agreeably to order, the house took into consideration the bill for the encouragement of learning in the several counties of this state therein mentioned, and, on motion, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next session of assembly? Determined in the negative, yeas 28 nays 42.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the words "Saint-Mary's county" be inserted in the said bill? Yeas 33 nays 33.

The house being divided, it was declared in the negative by the speaker.

The question was then put, That the words "Kent county" be inserted in said bill? Determined in the negative, yeas 33 nays 38.

The question was then put, That the words "Calvert county" be inserted in said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the words "one hundred and seventy-five dollars" be inserted in said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till the next session of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 38 nays 35.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to withdraw the several sums of money which have been granted by this state to the colleges and schools therein mentioned? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

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So it was determined in the negative. The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for deepening and

widening a well in Taney-town, the bill to prevent wine and geese going at large in Taney-town, the bill to authorise and empower the levy court of Worcester county to levy annually a sum of money for the support of Aaron Foskey, &c. severally endorsed "will pass;" which were ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county, and the bill for the relief of Caleb Summers, severally endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendments were read, agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the relief of Kitturah Milbourne, &c. endorsed "will not pass."

And an additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate elections, endorsed "will pass," which was read.

N E W - Y O R K, December 5.

The British packet Duke of Cumberland, captain Lawrence, arrived at this port yesterday, in 53 days from Falmouth. She left there on the 11th October, and brings a paper of the 8th. Captain L. informs us, that the situation of European politics remained as at the date of our former advices. The same "dreadful note of preparation" for invading England, and for exterminating the invaders, continued with unabated vigour; but nothing decisive had been attempted.

Captain Crocker, of the ship Diligence, from Amsterdam, informs us that active preparations were making throughout the Batavian republic, ostensibly for the invasion of England; but the general opinion was that no attempt of the kind would take place.

The Batavian republic had orders to fit out 100 gun boats to be employed in the expedition. They are on the construction of common fishing boats, and it was supposed would eventually be sold to the Dutch fishermen.

Whilst captain C. lay at New Diep, one of the passengers received a letter from Amsterdam, dated October 9th, in which the writer expressed his hopes that the vessel had sailed, or would do so in a short time, as a report was current that an embargo would be laid in a few days.

A regular file of Gibraltar papers to the first of October, inclusive, is received at the office of the Mercantile Advertiser, by the ship Friendship, Goodrich. The American Squadron was at Tangier Bay, the frigate Philadelphia, capt. Bainbridge, had gone up the Mediterranean. The Gibraltar Chronicle of October 1, acknowledges the receipt of a letter from Lisbon, which states (with an assurance that the statement may be depended upon) that four French frigates full of troops had been taken on their passage to Ireland by three British frigates, after a severe engagement.

By the sloop Sally, from St. Domingo, we learn that the prospect of the French in that quarter had brightened. The troops from Jacmel, which was evacuated, had arrived in the city of St. Domingo, and they expected to maintain themselves there. Several vessels had arrived with provisions; flour was selling at 8 and 9 dollars, beef, pork and provisions in general, proportionably cheap.

December 6.

Our correspondent at Gibraltar, under date of the 30th September, writes us, "By an arrival yesterday from Malta we have the news that ALL Egypt is now in possession of the Mamelukes."

It is stated in one of the mail papers, and we have before heard it reported, that Mr. Gallatin has drawn on the United States branch bank in this city for 8000 dollars in specie, being the first instalment to be paid Great-Britain under the treaty.

December 8.

Singular calamity in the island of Madeira.

By the ship Thomas Gordon, from Madeira, we learn, that on Sunday, the 9th of October, this island was visited by a deluge equally unprecedented and fatal. About 8 o'clock, P. M. an immense volume of water descended from the mountains, which in five minutes swept away one third of the city of Funchall, with eight hundred persons, who were all carried into the sea and perished, without having time to invoke the mercy of the Deity.—Forts which have been built since four hundred years, were dismembered and carried into the ocean.—The sea was so disturbed that it ran mountains high, and most of the vessels were compelled to cut their cables and run out to sea.

VERY LATE NEWS.

Captain Richards, and the passengers on board the ship Holland, from Liverpool, came up last night from the narrows, where they left the ship at anchor.

The Holland had 40 days passage, and brings London papers to the 28th October. The passengers inform us that the much talked of invasion, was, in the opinion of all, drawing nigh.—Nothing decisive had yet taken place. Upwards of a million of volunteers were panting for the arrival of the French. More offered their services than were wanted.

An embargo had been laid on all French privateers in the ports of France. In England an embargo was laid on all vessels bound to Spain or Portugal; and a general embargo was expected to be laid when the Holland sailed. All aliens, Americans excepted, were prevented from leaving the kingdom. It was difficult to get news from France, as the intercourse was completely at an end.

A declaration of war was hourly expected against Spain. Three per cent. consols 52 and a fraction. The only articles in demand at Liverpool, were coffee, staves and d. woods.

The Texel was blockaded by Sir Sidney Smith.