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ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, December 5, 1805.

[OMITTED LAST WEEK.]

HORRID MURDER!

ON the 10th ult. *Abel Clemmons*, at his place of residence, near Clarksburgh, (Vir.) under the most unprecedented cruelty, murdered his wife, and their eight small children, the eldest about twelve years old, by striking them on the head with an axe, 'in the unsuspecting moments of sleep!'—What is very remarkable, he had always lived with them in a most affectionate manner, and they bore the character of honesty and industry. Clemmons had been for several weeks in a gloomy, melancholy mood, occasioned, it was supposed, by his great anxiety for the welfare of his numerous family.

AMERICAN CLAIMS.—A private letter from Paris, dated 15th September, says—"The minister has recommenced drawing bills to satisfy the claims of the American merchants on this government."

GIBRALTAR, October 5,

Letters from Spain state, that hostilities have been declared between the Austrians and French, commanded by Massena. If this statement be true, we hope the event has proved unfavourable to our enemies, as the Spanish letters mention no particulars. It is added, that some Imperial vessels have been carried to Algeziras, by French privateers; and it is a certain fact, that the ships of that nation, now in this bay, have been directed by their consul not to sail until further orders.

Extract of a letter from the fleet off Cadiz, September 30, 1805.

Lord Nelson arrived here on the 28th.—The command of Lord Nelson extends through the Mediterranean to Cape St. Vincent.—Admirals Duckworth and Thornborough come out. A force goes off Carthage of 6 sail of the line, supported under the former. Sir John Warren has a flying squadron between Finisterre and St. Vincents, with a commander in chief's commission.

WASHINGTON, November 21.

It is true, we understand, that there is on board the Congress now in the Patowmack, an ambassador from the bey of Tunis to the United States. His name is SADI SULIMAN MALI MANNI, and he is attended by a numerous suite. The circumstances attending this minister are too interesting to be omitted. For a considerable time past the bey of Tunis had manifested hostile feelings towards the United States, when three Tunisian ships were taken by our blockading squadron off Tripoli. This act excited the indignation of the bey, and menacing letters were addressed to our commodore demanding satisfaction. As soon as peace was effected with Tripoli, commodore Rodgers entered the Tunisian bay, and sent a message, little expected by the bey, whose court was thrown into consternation. The language of menace was disavowed, and all intention of coming to a rupture with the United States disclaimed. The subsisting differences between the bey and commodore Rodgers issued in the former proposing, and the latter acquiescing in this mission, with the view of making the proper assurances and representations to the president of the United States. We understand that according to the usage of the Barbary powers, this mission is to be considered as a distinction paid to the United States, as those powers never send ministers but to nations whose power they hold in great respect.

According, likewise, to their customs, it becomes the duty of our government to provide for the lodging and maintenance of the ambassador. The house, lately occupied by Mr. Stelle, has accordingly been taken for the reception of the minister, who, no doubt, will be received with distinguished honours. Sadi Suliman Mali Manni brings, we understand, four fine Arabian horses as presents. Sidi Hamet, the exiled Bashaw of Tripoli, declines, it is said, coming to the United States.

We are enabled to state, from a correct source, that the Tunisian ambassador, Sidi Solyman Melimeli, intends to reside permanently in the United States. This circumstance evinces, that the Barbary powers are fast approaching to the civilized polity of the Europeans, and we may indulge the hope that even they may yet be brought to respect the laws of nations. With a permanent ambassador here, Tunis will have very correct information respecting our vast resources, and our ability to protect the American commerce; and we may safely calculate on a firm peace with that regency. [Freeman's Journal.]

Legislature of Maryland.

SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 1805.

[Part of this day's Proceedings were unavoidably omitted in our last.]

PETITIONS from Basil Pool, of Frederick county, and Richard G. Hardesty, of Prince-George's county, praying acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

The bill to ratify and confirm the proceedings of the committee of the Buckingham congregation in Worcester county, and for other purposes, was read the second time and passed, and with the bill for the more effectual preservation of wild deer in Somerset county, the resolution in favour of James Boarman, and the resolution relative to the proprietary debt books, sent to the senate.

A report from the trustees of the Eallon academy was read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act relative to sheriffs and constables, passed by that house; which was read; and the bill to change the names of Jacob Sedgwick, &c. endorsed, "will pass," which was ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, November 28, 1805.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. R. Mackall, Mr. Holland and Mr. Harryman, appeared in the house.

The bill for the relief of John Carnan and Abraham Pennington, insolvent debtors, of Cecil county, and the bill for the relief of Richard Waters, of William, Ezekiel Gillis and Richard Minish, of Somerset county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Ordered, That the clerk of the general court be requested to lay before this house the bill passed last session of the general assembly, entitled, An act 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.

The clerk of the general court delivers the bill required by said order.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act 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, and after some time spent in debate thereon,

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, November 29, 1805.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee on the petition of John B. Beall, delivers a report, in his favour; which was read.

A petition from John Stevenson, of Cecil county, praying an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

The bill for the benefit of Andrew Hamilton, the bill to authorize the justices of the levy court of Washington county to assess a sum of money on the taxable property of said county for the purposes therein mentioned, and the bill to authorize James Hackett, and others, securities of James R. Pratt, late sheriff, and John B. Hackett and Richard E. Harrison, late collectors of Queen-Anne's county, to complete the collection of the money due the said sheriff and collectors, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, was read and referred.

The bill for the benefit of Amelia Chance, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act 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, and after some time spent in debating the same, the order of the day for investing money in the Farmers Bank of Maryland, was postponed until to-morrow.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, November 30, 1805.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A petition from James Cowan, of Talbot county, praying an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

A petition from Charles F. Brodtag, of Allegany county, was read and referred.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act 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, and the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

Affirmative. Messieurs Holland, R. Mackall, B. Mackall, Somerwell, Lemmon, Harryman, Ennalls, Smoot, Cox, Henderson, Moffit, Porter, Blake, Sudler, Nicholson, Gleason, Sturgis, Duer, Bishop, Prideaux, Hawkins, Waters, Cockey, Kuhn, Montgomery, Forwood, Ayres, Street, Holbrook, Bayard, Turpin, Jump, Ellicott, Stepher, Bowles, Smith, Ringgold, Yates, Bruce, Tomlinson, Rizer, Creap.—42.

Negative. Messieurs Neale, Hebb, Plater, Leigh, Scott, Hanson, Hurtt, Gale, Merriken, Mercer, Dorsey, Higgins, Stuart, Parnham, M'Pheron, Chapman, Ogden, Spencer, Denpy, Lloyd, Dickinson, Jackson, Bayly, Cottman, Hyland, Frazier, Ward, Van-Horn, Hall, Contee, Callis, Muir, Shaaff, Carroll, Selby, Watts, Linthicum.—37.

So it was resolved in the affirmative. The order of the day, relative to the investment in the Farmers Bank of Maryland, was postponed till Monday next.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 2, 1805.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Petitions from Joshua Stevenson and John Rowles, of Frederick county, David Butler, Louis de Ne-roth, James Earengy and James Searight, of the city of Baltimore, Robert W. Elliott, of Anne-Arundel county, Reuben Sewell, John Davis and Isaac Houston, of Worcester county, praying acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

A petition from Charles Edwards of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency, was read and referred.

Mr. Leigh and Mr. Plater have leave of absence for a few days.

The bill to confirm the act, entitled, An act to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, &c. was sent to the senate.

Memorials from the mayor and city council of Baltimore, a petition from the corporation of the Roman Catholic clergymen, and others, and a petition from Thomas Jackson and Henry Haskins, of Dorchester county, were severally read and referred.

Mr. Street delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Harford county; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the establishment of a school in the city of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass;" which was ordered to be engrossed.

Leave given to bring in a bill for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein, and Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Stephen, Mr. R. Mackall, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Ennalls were appointed, by ballot, a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, and a petition from Joseph Smith, of the city of Baltimore, were read and referred.

Mr. Porter delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road from the Sufquehanna line, by John Frey's forge on Octorara creek, to the tide water on the Sufquehanna, in Cecil county; which was read.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish a market, and to build a market-house, in the western precincts of Baltimore, and for the regulation of the same, was committed for amendment.

Mr. Van-Horn delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorize a lottery to raise a sum of money for building a bridge over a branch of Patuxent river at or near the mill of John Crow; which was read.

Mr. Hawkins delivers a report on the petition of Frederick Green, in his favour; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Saint-Mary's county into election districts.

On motion, the question was put, Will the house proceed to the consideration of the resolution relative to the investment in the Farmers Bank of Maryland, agreeably to the order of the day? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the consideration of the said resolution be postponed until Wednesday next? Determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to consider the same, and the question was put, That the house assent to the said resolution? Resolved in the affirmative. Yeas 38, Nays 7.