

intercourse with us. A state of our progress in exploring the principal rivers of that country, and of the information respecting them hitherto obtained, will be communicated so soon as we shall receive some further relations which we have reason shortly to expect.

The receipts at the treasury during the year ending on the 30th day of September last, have exceeded the sum of thirteen millions of dollars, which, with not quite five millions in the treasury at the beginning of the year, have enabled us, after meeting other demands, to pay nearly two millions of the debt contracted under the British treaty and convention; upwards of four millions of principal of the public debt, and four millions of interest. These payments, with those which had been made in three years and an half preceding, have extinguished of the funded debt nearly eighteen millions of principal.

Congress, by their act of November 10, 1803, authorized us to borrow 1,750,000 dollars towards meeting the claims of our citizens assumed by the convention with France. We have not, however, made use of this authority: because the sum of four millions and an half, which remained in the treasury on the same 30th day of September last, with the receipts which we may calculate on for the ensuing year, besides paying the annual sum of eight millions of dollars, appropriated to the funded debt, and meeting all the current demands which may be expected, will enable us to pay the whole sum of three millions seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, assumed by the French convention, and still leave us a surplus of nearly a million of dollars at our free disposal. Should you concur in the provisions of arms and armed vessels recommended by the circumstances of the times, this surplus will furnish the means of doing so.

On this first occasion of addressing Congress since, by the choice of my constituents, I have entered on a second term of administration, I embrace the opportunity to give this public assurance that I will exert my best endeavours to administer faithfully the Executive Department, and will zealously co-operate with you in any measure which may tend to secure the liberty, property, and personal safety of our fellow citizens, and to contribute to the preservation of the principles of our government.

In the course of your session you shall receive all the aid which I can give for the dispatch of the public business, and all the information necessary for your deliberations, of which the interests of our own country, and the confidence reposed in us by others, will admit a communication.

TH: JEFFERSON.

December 3, 1805.

A bill appropriating 250,000 dollars towards deficiency of appropriations for the service of the navy was read the third time and passed the house of representatives this day.

This sum is wanted for the pay of the officers and crews of the United States ships lately arrived at the Navy Yard. The whole deficiency in appropriations for the naval service is 600,000 dollars.

The rev. Mr. Glendi, of Baltimore, is chosen chaplain to the house, and the rev. Mr. Gannt chaplain to the senate.

[Wash. Fed.]

On Tuesday last the grand jury for the body of this county, returned to the court a bill of indictment against John Atkins, alias John Atkins Burford, as a true bill. It charges him with committing, on the 30th day of July last, a highway robbery on the person of John Peters. The indictment is drawn into considerable length, by descriptions of the different bank notes of which Mr. Peters was robbed.

Monday week has been fixed on by the court for the trial. This delay has taken place at the request of the prisoner's counsel, who stated that that time would be necessary to obtain the attendance of his witnesses.—Alex. Expositor.

His excellency Soliman Melemelli, ambassador of his highness the bey of Tunis, arrived at this city in the Congress frigate on Friday last, and on Saturday morning landed at the Navy Yard. On his leaving the ship he fired a salute, and on his approach to the marine barracks, he was received with military honours by the marine corps under the command of col. Wharton. Hence he proceeded with his two Turkish secretaries and two black domestics to the house provided for him on the Capitol Hill. After remaining there about an hour, he went with his attendants to the department of state, and had an audience of the secretary.

We understand that on this day he will be presented to the president.—Nat. Intel.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman at St. Louis to his friend in Vincennes, dated the 23d ultimo.

"I saw governor Harrison on Sunday, on his way by water to Vincennes. A treaty of peace has been patched up between the Osages and the different other tribes—No one, however, expects it will be long attended to by either, for authentic information has just been received that Spain has agents among the Indians of the Missouri, and upper parts of the Mississippi, persuading them to war against the United States; and that in consequence two men have been killed. This confirms the numerous accounts received of the hostile disposition of Spain toward the United States."

DIED, in this city, on Saturday last, after a lingering illness, in the 66th year of her age, Mrs. ELEANOR HALL, relict of the late John Hall, Esq;

Legislature of Maryland.

SKETCH OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

THURSDAY, December 5, 1805.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Cockey.

The speaker being absent, from indisposition, Lloyd Dorsey, Esq; was elected, by ballot, speaker pro tem. Petitions from Francis Mottre, Abalom Chenworth, Jacob Sitler and Benjamin Arnold, of Baltimore county, praying acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

Mr. Bruce, from the committee on the petition of Charles F. Brodhag, delivers a report, in his favour; which was read.

Mr. Lemmon delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Henry Stevenson, of Baltimore county; which was read.

Mr. Ellicott delivers a bill, entitled, An act relative to vagrants in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

The following order was read, viz. Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act relative to vagrants in the city of Baltimore, be published in The American, The Telegraph, The Evening Post and The Federal Gazette, for the information of those concerned.

And the question was put, Will the house agree to the said order? Determined in the negative.

The house, according to order, proceeded to the consideration of the bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for marking and bounding lands, and, on motion, the question was put, That the said bill be recommitted? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 44—Nays 4.

more effectual preservation of wild deer in Somerset county, endorsed, "will pass;" which was ordered to be engrossed; and the bill to vest temporary powers in the several clerks in the several counties of this state, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The clerk of the senate delivers a message, notifying the appointment of a committee to join in comparing and examining engrossed bills.

Mr. Dickinson, from the committee on the memorial of the trustees of the academy at Easton, delivers a report.

A petition from Thomas Goldsborough, and others, of Caroline county, was read and referred.

Ordered, That one hundred copies of the act vesting temporary powers in the several clerks in the several counties of this state be immediately published, and the governor is hereby requested to transmit, as soon as may be, one copy to each of the clerks and registers of wills of the several counties.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, December 6, 1805.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Watts appeared in the house.

A petition from Jesse Jarrett, of Harford county, and a petition from Joshua and Thomas Meredith, of Baltimore county, were read and referred.

Mr. Ellicott delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for introducing a copious supply of wholesome water into the city of Baltimore; which was read.

The bill to lay out and open a road from the Pennsylvania line, by John Frey's forge on Odonara creek to the tide water on the Susquehanna, in Cecil county, was read the second time and passed.

Leave given to bring in a further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes.

Petitions from Joseph Kidder, Thomas Jones, Walter S. Hunt and James Maydwell, of Alexander, of the city of Baltimore, praying acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

The supplement to the 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 read the second time and passed, and, with the further additional supplement to the act for marking and bounding lands, and the bill to open a road from the Pennsylvania line to the tide water on Susquehanna river, was sent to the senate.

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

Mr. Contee, from the committee on the petition of Rinaldo Johnson and Elisha Berry, delivers a report, in their favour; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent persons retailing spirituous liquors near the religious places of worship of the people called Methodists in Anne-Arundel county, and for other purposes.

On motion, the question was put, That the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the election of the governor by the people, and to abolish all those parts of the constitution and form of government which relate to the council to the governor, and the time and manner of electing the governor, and for other purposes, be referred to the first day of June next? Determined in the negative; Yeas 23—Nays 33.

The question was then put, That the said bill be made the order of the day for Thursday next? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Sudler delivers a bill, entitled, An act to continue the act therein mentioned; which was read.

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

A petition from Josiah W. Heath, and others, and a petition from Sarah and Whittington Polk, were read and referred.

Ordered, that the bill concerning estates tail, be made the order of the day for Friday next.

The bill to lay out and open a road in Harford county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Ellicott delivers a bill, entitled, An act to freighten the road leading into Howard-street in the city of Baltimore; which was read.

The bill granting additional compensation to the harbour-master of the port of Baltimore, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from Patrick Murdoch, of Allegany county, was read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution relative to the investment in the Farmers Bank, endorsed, "assented to;" also the bill authorizing 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, and the bill to enable James Waller, John S. Belt and Archibald Dorsey, to complete the collection of the county tax in certain districts in Anne-Arundel county, severally endorsed, "will pass;" which were ordered to be engrossed; also a letter from John Kilty, Esq; enclosing an account of taxes received by him as register of the land-office; which was read.

A petition from Thomas and John C. Hymond of Kent county, was read and referred.

On motion, the question was put, That the bill annulling the marriage of Mary Kline, of the city of Baltimore, and Jacob Kline her husband, be postponed until the first day of June next? Determined in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the said bill, and the question was put, Shall the preamble to the said bill be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative—Yeas 00—Nays 46.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, December 7, 1805.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The speaker appears in the house, and resumes the chair. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

A petition from Samuel T. Wright, of Queen-Anne's county, praying a special act of insolvency, was read and referred.

Mr. Bayard delivers a bill, entitled, An act for draining part of a branch called Old-town Branch lying in the upper part of Caroline county; which was read.

A petition from John Randall, of Montgomery county, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, were read and referred.

Mr. Plater appeared in the house.

Mr. Stephen delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of Archibald Alexander and Susanna Alexander, and confirming the marriage of John Muffett and Susanna Muffett, otherwise Susanna Alexander; which was read.

Ordered, That the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, be made the order of the day for Monday the sixteenth instant.

A petition from Christopher Hughes, and others, of the city of Baltimore, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, were read and referred.

Mr. Parnham, from the committee delivers a report on the petition of Solomon Jones, against the petitioner, and also a report on the petition of John Newton, in his favour; which were read.

Mr. Stephen delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Charles Edwards, an insolvent debtor, of the city of Baltimore; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the better regulation to apprentices.

On the second reading of the report and resolution relative to the Easton academy, the question was put, That the words "of Easton academy" be inserted in the said resolution after the words "trustees?" Resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution being read throughout, the question was put, Will the house concur in the said report and assent to the resolution? Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read; and the bill confirming the title of Ignatius Davis to the land therein mentioned, endorsed, "will pass;" which was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the relief of Henry Stevenson, of Baltimore county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Lemmon delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the issuing of a patent to Joshua Meredith and Thomas Meredith for the land therein mentioned; which was read.