

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

Mr. Carroll delivers a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, against the petitioners; which was read and concurred with.

A petition from the grand-masters, and other officers, of the grand lodge of Maryland, was read and referred.

Mr. Bruce delivers a report on the petition of Joshua Stevenson, in his favour; which was read, and the question put, Will the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

The bill for the benefit of Robert Williams, a free black man, and his wife, and the bill to lay out and straighten a certain road in Baltimore county, were severally read the second time and passed.

On the second reading of the bill relative to sheriffs and constables, the question was put, That the further consideration of said bill be postponed? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Carroll delivers a bill, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county; which was read.

On motion the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to withdraw the donations heretofore granted by the state to the several academies and schools therein mentioned? Determined in the negative—Yeas 10—Nays 42.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

NEW-YORK, December 31.

The alarming accounts from Detroit are without foundation. A gentleman of respectability now in this city from thence has received a letter from his connexions, an extract of which follows:

"Detroit, Nov. 26.—Some credulous fearful people have circulated reports of the hostile designs of the neighbouring Indians, particularly the Wyandots. I am not at all apprehensive, and should these rumours reach you, let them give you no uneasiness, for I am persuaded they are without foundation."

Latest from Europe.

The brig Sally Tracey, capt. Skiddy, in 38 days from Bordeaux, the captain of the New York Gazette have received Paris papers to the 10th of November.

The French army, under the command of the emperor Buonaparte, was pursuing its victorious career in Germany.

In Italy, marshall Massena took between two and three thousand prisoners. But no general battle had been fought.

Buonaparte has fixed his head-quarters at Branau, a well fortified town in Lower Bavaria, distant 160 miles from Vienna, which was captured after it had been possessed by the Russians, who fled at the approach of the French troops, leaving behind them 45 pieces of cannon, &c.

The king of Prussia has declared his resolution of remaining neutral.

January 1.

We were informed last evening, that on the margin of a letter, received by the brig Sally Tracey, from Bordeaux, it was stated that news had just reached that place, that there had been a general battle between Massena and the archduke Charles, which terminated in the loss of 15,000 of the archduke's army. This news may be true—the letter comes to a person of respectability, and is later than our printed accounts from France. [Gaz.]

On the margin of our latest French paper was written the following very important information:—We cannot vouch for its authenticity, but our recent accounts from Italy render it probable that the French have gained great and decisive advantages in that country.

"Massena has gained a complete victory over the Austrian army in Italy, taken 15,000 prisoners, and put the archduke Charles to flight." [Chron.]

NORFOLK, December 28.

The oldest inhabitant does not recollect so mild a season as the present.—We had green peas exposed for sale in our market on Tuesday last!

FIRE!

Tuesday morning, the 24th ult. the iron works at Ambury (Mass.) were entirely consumed, together with about 300 cords of wood. It originated in the mill factory, by accident; the buildings consumed, consisting of two smith shops, a grist mill, and the mill factories, are estimated at not less than 30,000 dollars.

The Albany Gazette of the 26th ult. says—"We have about 4 inches of snow on a level here at Albany—but no frost in the ground, and the navigation of our river was yesterday as unimpeded by ice as in July.—It is now frozen over and we have good winter weather."

The Rochefort squadron burnt the Calcutta of 50 guns, their prize, before they reached Ferris. She received so much injury in consequence of the brave resistance made by her commander, that it was found difficult to get her into port.

On Friday the 13th ult. the conference court of North-Carolina, decided the important cause, "The trustees of the university of North-Carolina against the State." The judgment of the court was, that the act of the legislature, passed in 1800, repealing the grant of the confiscated and escheated property to the university, was unconstitutional and void. Judge McKay and Judge Lock, were decidedly of this opinion;

judge Hall was of the opinion that the law was constitutional; but judge Taylor refused giving any. We cannot but admire the independence of judge McKay and judge Lock, upon this highly important question. While we have such men upon our bench, who dare to support the constitution, against even the power and influence of the legislature, the life, liberty and property of every citizen is secure.—To have judges thus honest and independent is one among the greatest of public blessings—as it affords to every man, be the state of the times and parties what they may, that security in which true freedom consists.

We cannot refrain upon this occasion from holding up these gentlemen for public imitation, and from congratulating our country on the possession of so much virtue. [North-Carolina Minerva.]

Our hopes are again blasted by the decision of the senate of South-Carolina, on the bill prohibiting the importation of slaves into that state. Having passed the house of representatives by a great majority, it has been arrested in the senate by a single vote. The subjoined statement will record the names of those men, who, regardless of the remonstrances of justice or national character, have taken upon themselves the awful responsibility of extending the greatest evil that exists in our country. [Nat. Intel.]

Charleston, December 18.

The following are the yeas and-nays in the senate on the 14th of December, 1805, on the final question of the passage of the bill to the house of representatives, for prohibiting the importation of negroes.

Yeas.—Mr. R. Barnwell, president; Messrs. Blake, Calhoun, Drayton, Davis, Hibben, Horry, Hart, Hutchinson, Keith, Kilgore, McKadden, P. Porcher, Warren, Ward.—15.

Nays.—Messrs. Cantoy, Dozier, Farrar, J. Hampton, H. Izard, John M'Pherson, W. B. Mitchell, T. Porcher, J. Porcher, Rogers, Simkins, W. Smith, Saxon, R. Stark, T. Taylor, Wells.—16.

So the bill for the prohibition was lost.

MARRIED, on Sunday last, at South river, by the rev. Mr. COMPTON, Mr. JOHN B. WEEMS to Miss PRISCILLA HARWOOD, daughter of col. RICHARD HARWOOD.

NOTICE.

COMMITTED to my custody, on Sunday the 15th of December, as runaways, two negro men, one by the name of RICHARD, a black man 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, about 35 years of age, stout made, his teeth are broken out before on the under jaw, has a scar on his left eye-brow; his clothing is an old wool hat, brown cloth coat, Marseilles jacket, of-nabrig shirt, black velvet pantaloons, yarn stockings, and coarse shoes; he says that he formerly did belong to PENNY DRIVER, of Caroline county, eastern shore. BEN, a boy of about 22 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, of a yellow complexion, slim made, has a smiling countenance, a scar on the out side of his right leg, occasioned by the bite of a monkey; his clothing an old hat, striped country cloth jacket and trousers, a homespun under jacket, striped, an old of-nabrig shirt, old stockings, and bound shoes; he says that he did formerly belong to JOSEPH ENNALLS, Esq. of Dorchester county, eastern shore, both in the state of Maryland, and were both sold to two men of the Tennessee, one by the name of James Lodiday, and the other James Norris. Their masters are desired to come and take them away, or they will be sold for their prison fees, and other expences, according to law.

JASPER E. TILLY, Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county. December 28, 1805.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas to me directed out of Anne-Arundel county court, will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, for cash, on Wednesday the 15th day of January, 1806, at the dwelling-house of Mrs. Anne Sappington,

ONE negro woman named Ann, taken as the property of Anne Sappington, administratrix of John, to satisfy a debt due Francis B. Sappington. JASPER E. TILLY, Sheriff. January 4, 1806.

By virtue of an order from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, the subscriber will dispose of, at PUBLIC SALE, on Tuesday the 28th instant,

ALL the personal estate of JAMES GARDINER, late of the county aforesaid, deceased, consisting of a negro woman and a boy, also horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs, a parcel of household furniture, and about four thousand weight of crop and second tobacco. The terms of sale are, six months credit for all sums above twenty dollars, under that the cash to be paid. Bond, with good security, will be required for all sums above twenty dollars, with interest from the day of sale. The sale will commence at the late dwelling of the deceased, at 11 o'clock.

GEORGE GARDINER, Administrator. January 7, 1806.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of FRANCIS GWIN, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are requested to bring them in, legally attested, and those indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment to.

HENRY BURDY, Executor. January 7, 1806.

Poet's Corner.

SELECTED.

TO A FRIEND, OCCASIONED BY HIS AFFECTING INQUIRY, "Oh! why has worth so short a date, While Villains ripen grey with time."

ASK not, my friend, why merit just appears, Nor waits a plaudit on the mortal stage, Why Vice mature her brazen forehead rears, Or lingers shameless in the vale of age.

Ask not—for lo! from Faith's enlighten'd eye, The shadows pass that veil a future scene, "The dead shall live," sure as "the living die," Though time's tumultuous ages roll between,

Nor deem regretful, that the tasks were vain, To save the promise of ingenious youth, When pleasure lures with many a siren strain, Or passion dictates in the form of truth.

Nor question righteous Heaven's unceasing care That dies the hope which virtue would inspire, That mortal shades eclipse a morn so fair, And friendship wakes no more her sacred fire,

What though wild fancy rove around the tomb, Though memory oft some plaintive tribute pay, The flower that charm'd in life's unfulfill'd bloom, Free shall expand when nature's all decay.

Then calm a parent's grief to sooth thy own, Let virtue's warning voice suspend her sigh, And teach the careless from the moral stone, To live with wisdom, or with hope to die.

ANECDOTE.

AN honest Hibernian who had been bred up in the interior part of the country, and had never seen a ship or boat, happened one day to be journeying on the bank of a canal, in which was a large barge, sailing before an easy breeze. Struck with the novel appearance, Paddy quickened his pace, and with considerable exertion kept pace with the barge for some time, until coming to a lock, the bargemen began to lower their sails to pass it; when Paddy, almost exhausted and out of breath, gave up the chase, exclaiming, "Arrah! if you run so fast with your coat on, the Devil himself will not keep up with you when you strip to it!"

THE subscriber having declined business, requests all persons indebted to him by bond, note, or open account, to make payment before the first day of March next, otherwise suits will be commenced to April term next, without respect to persons.

JAMES MACKUBIN. Annapolis, January 7, 1806.

Charles County Court, AUGUST TERM, 1805, IN EQUITY. Henry Roberts, against

Lydia Robey, widow, and William Robey, Thomas Robey, Prior Robey, John Robey, and Mary Robey, heirs of William Robey,

THE object of the bill filed in this cause is to obtain a deed for part of a tract or parcel of land, called Robey's Purchase, or the Water Melon Patch, lying and being in Charles county, and containing sixteen acres, which the said Henry Roberts purchased of the said William Robey, in his life-time, and for the due and legal conveyance of which the said William Robey passed his bond to the said Henry Roberts.—It appearing to the court, by the return of the sheriff of Charles county, that four of the defendants, to wits: William, Thomas, Prior and John, are not to be found in his bailiwick, and it also appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that the said Thomas, Prior and John, are not inhabitants of the state of Maryland; it is thereupon ordered, that the complainant, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette, and continued therein for six successive weeks before the third Monday in March next, another copy to be left at the usual place or places of abode of the said absent defendants before leaving this state, and one other copy to be set up at the door of the court-house of Charles county, give notice of this application, and of the substance and object of the bill, that the absent defendants may be warned to appear in this court in person, or by solicitor, on or before the said third Monday in March next, to shew cause, if any they have, wherefore a decree should not be passed as prayed.

True copy, JNO. BARNES, CLK.

This is to give notice,

THAT the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of JOHN TYDINGS, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereon, to the subscriber, at or before the 26th day of May next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 26th day of November, 1805.

RICHARD TYDINGS, Administrator.