

Mr. Montgomery delivers a bill, entitled, An act to amend, and make conveniently passable, the public road leading from the lands of Mrs. Dennison to the upper ferry in the town of Havre-de-Grace in Harford county; which was read the first and second time and passed.

The bill to lay out and make a public road from William Pyle's saw mill on Deer creek, in Harford county, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from Margaret Black, of Kent county, was read and referred.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the 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, together with the act to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein, be printed, and that one copy thereof be forwarded to each of the chief judges and associate judges of the county courts, and one copy thereof to each of the clerks of the former general court, one copy to the clerk of the former court of appeals, and one copy thereof to each of the clerks of the county courts, and the residue for the use of the members of this general assembly.

On motion, the question was put, That the bill to establish a chancery tribunal on the eastern shore of this state, &c. be postponed until Tuesday next? Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of said bill be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 31—Nays 26.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Richard Gittings and Lambert Smith, the bill to lay out, open and clear, a road in Harford county known by the name of Darlington, to intersect the road leading from Belle-Air to Havre-de-Grace, the supplement to the act to lay out and make a public road from the Black-House, in Harford county, to intersect the Pennsylvania line, the bill for the benefit of Robert Williams, a free black man, and of his wife and children, and the bill to lay out and straighten a certain road in Baltimore county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, endorsed, "will not pass."

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, January 13, 1806.

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

The bill to lay out and make a public road from William Pyle's saw-mill, on Deer-creek, in Harford county, the bill to amend, and make conveniently passable, the public road leading from the lands of Mrs. Dennison to the upper ferry in the town of Havre-de-Grace, in Harford county, the bill for draining part of a branch called Old-town Branch, lying in the upper part of Caroline county, the bill to change the place of holding elections in the fourth election district of Montgomery county, and the bill to establish a chancery tribunal on the eastern shore of this state, &c. were sent to the senate.

A petition from John Gill, of the city of Baltimore, for an act of insolvency, was read and referred.

A memorial from John Kilty, of the city of Annapolis, was read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the additional supplement to the act to lay out and establish a road from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington, and to repeal the act therein mentioned, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments." Also the bill for draining part of a branch of Tuckahoe, known by the name of Beaver Dam Branch, lying in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read. Also the bill to ratify and confirm the marriage articles made between Ely Dorley, of Ely, of Frederick county, and Araminta his wife, endorsed, "will not pass." And the following message:

Impressed with the opinion that all the business essential for the deliberation of the present session can be finally acted on by the eighteenth instant, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to close the session on that day.

The following order being read, viz.

Ordered, That the committee of claims deduct from the allowance of each member of the house of delegates the sum of — cents per diem who does not answer to his name the remainder part of the session at the hour of calling the house, without a sufficient excuse, and that the clerk take an account of such absent members, and furnish the said committee with a list thereof at the close of the journal of accounts.

On motion, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 31—Nays 14.

Leave given to bring in a bill to appoint commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Chester-town, in Kent county, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That Mr. Plater and Mr. Gleaves be added to the committee on the petition of David Hopkins.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill compelling the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the basin in the city of Baltimore to extend and improve the same, and after

making amendments thereto, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The following resolution was read and assented to.

Resolved, That the auditor be and he is hereby authorized and required to examine and report to the general assembly, what sum, if any, is due to William Amos, senior, of Harford county, on account of expenses incurred by him in superintending the execution of a commission which issued in behalf of the state, at the instance of the late intendant, to settle the lines of a tract of land lying in Harford county, called The Grove, whereby the state has been very materially benefited.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a report on the petition of David Hopkins, in his favour; which was read.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a bill, entitled, An act to provide for rendering passable through Baltimore county the public road leading from the city of Baltimore, by Belle-Air, in Harford county, to Peath Bottom ferry, on the Susquehanna; which was read.

The amendments to the bill for draining part of a branch of Tuckahoe, &c. were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Ellicott delivers a bill, entitled, An act appropriating a sum of money for the erection of a penitentiary; which was read.

A petition from Peregrine Briscoe, of Cecil county, was read and referred.

The report on the petition of Daniel Sheredine was read the second time and the resolution therein assented to.

The bill authorizing the chancellor in certain cases to decree conveyances for lands, the title of which is in British subjects, was read the second time and passed.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to provide for the erection of a new court-house for Baltimore county, and after making sundry alterations therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed till to-morrow.

The clerk of the senate delivers sundry papers, the reading of which was postponed till to-morrow.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 14, 1806.

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

The bill compelling the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the basin in the city of Baltimore to extend and improve the same, the bill authorizing the chancellor in certain cases to decree conveyances for lands, the title to which is in British subjects, the resolution directing the auditor to report on the case of William Amos, sen. and the resolution in favour of Daniel Sheredine, were sent to the senate.

The papers received from the senate yesterday are as follow:

The bill to appoint Elizabeth Crabb and Richard Orme trustees for locating and transferring certain lands lying in Montgomery county, part of the real estate of the late Jeremiah Crabb, the bill to authorize Baltimore county court to remove the case therein mentioned, the bill to empower the justices of the levy court of St. Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, the bill for the benefit of Thomas Hodges and Eleanor Hodges, and the bill for the benefit of Charles Thomas Clarke and William Hall, severally endorsed, "will not pass." The bill authorizing the trustees of the poor of Prince-George's county to make an exchange of part of the lands belonging to said poor-house, the supplement to the act for the establishment of a new public road in Somerset county, the bill to authorize James Rice and Mary Wolf to dispose of the lands therein mentioned, the bill to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county, and the supplement to the act to straighten part of the road in Harford county which leads from Underhill's mill to the city of Baltimore, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the additional supplement to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments."

Leave given to bring in a bill to ascertain the mode of completing the title to purchasers of certain confiscated British property, and for other purposes.

Petitions from James Clayland, of the city of Baltimore, and Bennett Wheeler, of Harford county, for acts of insolvency, were read and referred.

A petition from James Steuart, of the city of Baltimore, was read and referred.

On motion, that the bill annulling the marriage of James J. Wilmer and Letitia his wife, now have a second reading, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed to the first day of June next? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for the erection of a new court-house for Baltimore county, and after making sundry amendments thereto, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The report on the petition of Martha Hall was read the second time—the resolution therein amended and assented to.

Mr. Stephen delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing an extension of the Falls turnpike road to the Pennsylvania line; which was read.

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

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay unto Patrick Murdock, of Allegany county, or order, forty dollars, the same being in full compensation for lot No.

3876, lying westward of Fort Cumberland, heretofore sold by the state, and to which the state can make no title.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and three; which was read the first and second time and passed.

Mr. Ellicott delivers a bill, entitled, An act to restrain the evil practices of certain persons within this state; which was read.

The report on the petition of Anthony Fox was read the second time and the resolution therein assented to.

The bill for erecting a town at or near the mouth of Will's creek, in Allegany county, was read the second time and passed.

The report on the petition of Hezekiah Speake was read the second time and the resolution therein assented to.

Mr. Moffit has leave of absence.

Mr. Shaaff delivers a report on the petition of Jeremiah T. Chafe, in his favour; which was read.

A petition from David West, of Harford county, and William Folley, of the city of Baltimore, was read and referred.

Mr. Montgomery delivers a report on the petition of Robert Elliott, in his favour; which was read the first and second time and the resolution therein assented to.

The house proceeded to the reconsideration of the bill to establish permanent salaries for the judges of the six judicial districts in this state, and on proposition in reading thereof, the question was put, That the first blank in the first enacting clause be filled up with the words two thousand two hundred? Resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 33—Nays 26.

The question was then put, That the second blank in said clause be filled up with the words fifteen hundred? Determined in the negative, yeas 20, nays 35.

The question was then put, That the blank be filled up with fourteen hundred? Resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 32—Nays 27.

The following message to the senate was received: Upon reconsidering the bill, entitled, An act to

establish permanent salaries for the judges of the six judicial districts in this state, we have agreed to raise the salary of the chief judges of the six judicial districts to two thousand two hundred dollars, and that of the associate judges to fourteen hundred, and send back the bill for your reconsideration, and hope that the bill will pass your house with the salaries fixed therein.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

NEW-YORK, January 6.

The arrival of the British packet Manchester, captain Davys, in 44 days from Falmouth, enables the editors of the New-York Gazette to give to their readers another IMPORTANT NAVAL VICTORY, by the British admiral Strachan. There is no other news of moment. It was hourly expected that the king of Prussia would join the Coalition.

LONDON, November 11.

The following extraordinary Gazette was published this morning at ten o'clock: it records another victory of the British arms—Sir R. Strachan has taken four sail of the line, of the combined fleet, (all French) off Ferrol. The loss on our side was trifling; the enemy suffered much. The combined fleet must now be considered as almost destroyed. Twenty-four ships, at one full sweep, is almost sufficient to annihilate a navy.

Admiralty Office, Nov. 11, 1805.

The letter (and its enclosures) of which the following are copies, were received at this office last night from captain (now rear admiral) Sir Richard John Strachan, bart. commander of his majesty's ship the Caesar, addressed to William Marsden, esq.

Cesar, November 7.

SIR,

The accompanying copy of a letter, addressed to the hon. admiral Cornwallis, I request you will be pleased to lay before the lords commissioners of the admiralty, with my apology for the hasty manner in which it is written. I have the honour to be, &c.

R. J. STRACHAN.

Cesar, west of Rochfort, 264 miles.
Nov. 4, 1805, wind S. E.

SIR,

Being off Ferrol, working to the westward, with the wind westerly, on the evening of the 2d, we observed a frigate in the N. W. making sail; made all sail to join her before night, and followed by the ships named in the margin,* we came up with her at 11 at night; and at the moment she joined us, we saw six large ships near us. Captain Baker informed me he had been chased by the Rochfort several days, then close to leeward of us. We were delighted. I desired him to tell the captains of the ships of line astern to follow me, as I meant to engage them directly; and immediately bore away in the Caesar for the purpose, making all the signals I could, to indicate our movements to the ships; the moon enabled us to see the enemy bear away in a line abreast closely formed; but we lost sight of them when it set, and I was obliged to reduce our sails, the Hero, Courageux and Aeolus, being the only ships we could see. We continued steering to the E. N. E. all night, and in the morning observed the Santa Margarita near us.