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REVOLUTION IN SPAIN.

Extract of a letter from St. Sebastians, dated November 7, 1807.

THE French troops to the number of 50 or 60,000 have passed through this part of Spain, to take possession of Portugal. A number of different opinions are formed here—some have an idea, that before 12 months the whole of Spain will be under the French flag, for they now do as they please.

"I have just seen a proclamation of the king of Spain, wherein he states that he has discovered a conspiracy against his person, headed by his son, and has caused him, with about 500 persons of distinction, to be arrested. This is some of Buonaparte's work, who will not remain quiet till he has all Europe at his feet."

From the Aurora.

The following article appeared in the Political Register of last evening; it is a translation of a royal decree of the Spanish monarch, on the discovery of a plan to dethrone him, in which it seems his own son, and a great number of the Spanish nobility, were involved; and have been consigned to prison.—The conscription in Spain was great, and the issue is not to be calculated upon.—Under what auspices the revolution was formed is not to be ascertained at once; and the more pains taken to fix it on any particular point, without evidence, the more must our doubts be excited—whether it originated at Paris or at London, or in the discontent of the Spanish nobles themselves, is not yet to be ascertained; whether it was connected with the recent visit of *soi disant* Louis XVIII—or with the march of the French army towards Spain, time alone can determine. There are many reasons which might be adduced, without more than the trouble of writing them, to favour either belief;—but as all that could be assumed, would only tend to confound or render intelligence more uncertain; we shall not indulge in the conjecture, whether it was attempted by similar means, and for similar ends, as the death of the emperor Paul, or the capture of Copenhagen, whether Lucien Buonaparte and the son of the Spanish monarch had formed a coalition; or that the prince of Peace had aspired to be throne himself to the exclusion of both; or whether the son of the Spanish monarch, attempted the counter revolution in order to rescue the power of Spain and its government out of the hands of the prince of Peace; the latter we think the most probable, and we consider it as not at all improbable that there could be external concert in the affair. There can be no doubt of a total revolution in the affairs of Spain.

On the 30th of this month, his Catholic majesty has passed to the council the following royal decree.

"God, who watches over and protects his creatures, will not permit the execution of atrocious deeds, when the victims are innocent: thus, therefore, has his omnipotence rescued me from the most unheard of catastrophe. My people, my subjects, all have a due sense of my christianity and regular habits; all love me, and from all do I receive proofs of affection, such as are due the respect of a father, who tenderly loves his children: thus did I live pervaded of my supreme happiness, when an unknown and discovered the most enormous and unnatural conspiracy, contrived in my own palace and against my person. My life, which has been so often in danger, and already become a heavy burthen to my successor, and prepossessed, and blind and devoid of every principle of religion, which my paternal care and love impressed upon his mind, had consulted, and even formed a plan to dethrone me; I myself inquired, and investigated the veracity of this attempt. I surprised him in my own apartment, in possession of the cypher of intelligence, which he received from the council, together with other ministers, to undertake the discovery; all was done in due form, and the result was, that I decreed the confinement of several criminals, and also that of my son to his own apartment. This was an additional grief of the manner which already afflicted me; but as it is the most necessary, so likewise, is it the most necessary to punish, I ordered the publication of the facts, desirous to disclose to my subjects, a plan which might be used by the proof of their loyalty.

The president of the council, ad interim, published this day, the preceding royal decree according to you, you will therefore extend it to all the parts of justice under your direction, for the reasons therein, acknowledging the receipt of said decree, and that you circulate it immediately. May I preserve your life many years.

signed) DON BARTOLOMEO MUNOS, Madrid, Oct. 31, 1807.

LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MARYLAND.

WEDNESDAY, December 23, 1807.

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

The supplement to the act authorising the drawing a lottery to defray the expense of building a masonic hall in the city of Baltimore, and the additional supplement to the act to ascertain the allowance to jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county and orphans courts in this state, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Hall delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Prince-George's county to assess a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act relative to writs of *habeas corpus* and *facias*; which was read.

A petition from Anna Terry, of Kent county, praying she may be authorized to stop up a certain road, was preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Carroll delivers a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of swine and poultry in Clarksburg, in Montgomery county; which was read.

The report on the petition of Rinaldo Johnson was read the second time, and the question put, That the first resolution therein be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house concur with the said report, and assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. C. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to make a public road in Charles county; which was read.

Mr. Mitchell delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act 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; which was read.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivers the further additional supplement to the act for amending, and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, &c. without alteration; which was read.

The bill for the preservation of wild deer in Somerset county, was read the second time, and passed.

Ordered, That the report relative to the road from Hancock to Cumberland have a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. T. Dorsey, from the committee appointed to superintend the erection of a penitentiary, delivers a report; which was read.

According to order, the house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and, after making some amendments thereto,

The house adjourned till to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, December 24, 1807.

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

The bill for the preservation of the breed of wild deer in Somerset county, and the resolutions in favour of Rinaldo Johnson, were sent to the senate.

Ordered, That the bill to confirm the will of Mary Davidson, be withdrawn.

Mr. Ayres delivers a bill, entitled, An act to confirm and make public a certain road therein mentioned; which was read.

Ordered, That the same be printed, and have a second reading on the first day of January next.

Mr. M. Brawn has leave of absence.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the contributors to the Baltimore general dispensary; which was read.

Mr. Blakistone delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit and relief of John Hebb, of Saint-Mary's county; which was twice read and passed.

Mr. Stewart delivers a bill, entitled, An act to release to Richard Trimble the right of the state of Maryland to the property therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivers a favourable report on the petition of George Howard, and others; which was read.

The bill to build a bridge and open a road in Caroline county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill for the benefit of Elisha Hopkins, was read the second time, and the question put, That the same be recommitted for amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill to change the place of holding the election in the first election district, of Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from Philip Chapline, of Kent county, praying to be allowed depreciation on his pay as a soldier, was preferred, read, and referred.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, be postponed until Tuesday the 29th instant.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for recording certain wills in the register's office of Worcester county; the supplement to the act authorising the drawing of a lottery to defray the expense of building a masonic hall in the city of Baltimore; and the bill authorising and directing the sales of certain lands lying in Worcester county, and belonging to William Fleming, deceased, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to incorporate a fire insurance company in the city of Baltimore, endorsed, "will pass" with the proposed amendments; which amendments were agreed to and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The resolution in favour of John Wilkins, endorsed, "assented to." And the following message:

We have received the bill authorising Benjamin Ray, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collection, accompanied with a message, requesting us to recede from the second and third amendments proposed by the senate; to which, upon reconsideration the senate cannot agree, but determine to adhere to their amendments.

Which was read.

And the bill authorising Benjamin Ray, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collection, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

The following order was read:

Ordered, That the house of delegates adjourn on this day until Monday next.

And the question was put, That the house agree to the same? Determined in the negative, yeas 31, nays 33.

On motion, the question was put, That the house reconsider the said question? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house agree to the said order? Resolved in the affirmative, yeas 37, nays 27.

According to order, the house proceeded to the second reading of the report relative to the road from Hancock to Cumberland, and after filling the blank therein with the words "two thousand dollars," the question was put, That the house concur with the said report, and assent to the resolution therein contained? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Stone delivers a bill, entitled, An act to provide for transcribing of certain land records in Charles county, and for making out an alphabet for the same; which was twice read, and passed.

The bill for the relief of Henry Waller, was read the second time, and passed.

Mr. C. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act authorising Joseph Green, late sheriff and collector of Charles county, to complete his collections, and for other purposes; which was twice read, and passed.

Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act investing the justices of the levy courts of the several counties in this state with further powers.

Mr. Emerson delivers the said bill, which was twice read; and passed.

The bill to lay out and make a public road therein mentioned in Harford county, was read the second time, and passed.

Mr. Welch delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Anne Terry, of Kent county, which was twice read, and passed.

A petition from Jonathan Edwards and Gilbert Middleton, praying they may have the benefit of an act of insolvency without obtaining the assent of their creditors, was preferred, read, and referred.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 28, 1807.

A sufficient number of members to make a quorum not appearing, the members present adjourn until to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 29, 1807.

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

The bill for the benefit of John Hebb, the bill for the relief of Anne Terry, the bill to make public a road therein mentioned in Harford county, the bill for the transcribing certain land records in Charles county, and for making out an alphabet for the same, the supplement to the act authorising Joseph Green, late sheriff and collector of Charles county, to complete his collections, and for other purposes, etc.