

for the relief of Henry Waller, the bill to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned, and the resolution relative to the road from Hancock to Cumberland, were sent to the Senate. Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent, for a limited time, the sale of lands or tenements, goods or chattels on writs of execution, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Mr. Stone delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Catherine Johnson; which was read.

Mr. W. H. Brown delivers a favourable report on the petition of John Boudy; which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying an alteration in the charter thereof, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying a certain road may be reviewed, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying a certain road may be declared a public highway, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Stone delivers a favourable report on the petition of Thomas S. Brewer; which was read.

Mr. Frazier delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Levin Woolford, of Dorchester county; which was read.

Mr. Tabbs delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of John Booth, and confirming his title in certain lands, therein mentioned; which was read.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from Nicholas Brewer, register in chancery, enclosing his account of seals and taxes; which was read.

Mr. C. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for building a church in Charles county; which was read.

Mr. Forwood delivers a bill, entitled, An act to appoint and authorise commissioners to review and lay out the road therein mentioned in Harford county; which was read.

A petition from Abraham Baker, of Harford county, praying to be appointed a road, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying a certain road may be repaired, were preferred, read, and referred.

Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising T. Baily, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection, and for other purposes.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivers the said bill; which was read. Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to prevent the going at large of swine and poultry in Clarksburg, in Montgomery county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the Senate.

The following message was sent to the Senate.

In the discharge of a melancholy duty, we inform you of the decease of Mr. John Gale, late a delegate from Kent county, and member of this house, as a testimonial of respect to his memory, we propose, that the members of both branches of the legislature convene in the hall of the house of delegates to-morrow evening at 5 o'clock, to join in procession at his funeral.

The following resolution was assented to, and sent to the Senate.

Resolved, That the legislature, in respect to the memory of the late John Gale, deceased, a delegate from Kent county, who departed this life while attending the discharge of his legislative duties, wear scarfs and bands during the remainder of the session, and that the funeral expenses be placed on the journal of accounts.

The supplement to the act compelling the proprietors of lots binding on the water at the west end of the basin in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes, the bill to confirm a certain road in Baltimore county, and the further supplement to the act authorising Thomas Baily, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection, and for other purposes, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the Senate.

The bill authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for building a church in Charles county, was read the second time, and passed.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the report on the memorial of Jeremiah T. Chaic, and after striking out the resolution, and substituting another, giving him two hundred dollars as a compensation for services performed under the act concerning the chancery court, concurred therewith.

Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal the second section of the act, entitled, An act concerning the chancery court.

A petition from the president and managers of the Baltimore and Frederick-town, the Baltimore and Reister's-town, and the Baltimore and York-town, turnpike road companies, praying they may be permitted to deviate from the bed of the old roads, and shut them up, was preferred, read, and referred.

The clerk of the Senate delivers the bill to lay out and make a public road in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read. The resolution relative to the funeral of John Gale, endorsed, "assented to." And a letter from the governor, suggesting the propriety of increasing his salary; which was read, and the question put, That the same be placed on the journal at length? Determined in the negative, yeas 25, nays 35, and referred to a committee.

Mr. T. Dorsey delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the sale of the right of Baltimore county to part of a lot of ground in the city of Baltimore; which was read, and ordered to be printed.

Mrs. Hall delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Noddy Maddox, sheriff of Prince-George's county; which was read.

On the second reading of the bill to enable Margaret Hammond and Harriet Hammond, of Baltimore county, to erect a bridge across Patuxent river at a place called Hammond's Ferry, the question was put, That the same be recommitted for amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

Annapolis:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1807.

THIS GAZETTE, No. 3181,

COMPLETES the Year with all our Customers, who are earnestly requested to remit their several balances—This is absolutely necessary to enable us to continue its publication, which is attended with great expense.

APPOINTMENTS

By the Governor and Council of Maryland, December, 1807.

Benjamin Tabbs, surgeon's mate to the 12th regiment, Saint-Mary's county.

Hugh Whiteford, surgeon to the extra battalion, Harford county.

John Bringle, captain, Ezra Mantz, lieutenant, and Jacob Berger, ensign, of a volunteer company, Frederick county.

John Elliott, lieutenant, and James Dixon, ensign, of captain Thomas Winchester's company, 38th regiment, Queen-Anne's county.

Robert Young, lieutenant of captain J. C. Seton's company, 27th regiment.

The companies commanded by John Brown, of Cecil county, and John Bringle, of Frederick county, have tendered their services to the executive of Maryland as part of the quota required by the President of the United States.

Confidential message to the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. States.

The communications now made, shewing the great and increasing dangers with which our vessels, our seamen, and merchandise are threatened, on the high seas and elsewhere, from the belligerent powers of Europe, and it being of the greatest importance to keep in safety these essential resources, I deem it my duty to recommend the subject to the consideration of Congress; who will doubtless perceive all the advantage which may be expected from an inhibition of the departure of our vessels from the ports of the United States.

Their wisdom will also see the necessity of making every preparation for whatever events may grow out of the present crisis.

I ask a return of the letters of Messrs. Armstrong and Champagny, which it would be improper to make public.

TH: JEFFERSON.

Dec. 13, 1807.

AN ACT

To appropriate money for the providing of an additional number of Gun-boats.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to cause to be built, or purchased, armed and equipped, a number not exceeding one hundred and eighty-eight gun-boats, for the better protection of the ports and harbours of the United States, and for such other purposes as in his opinion the public service may require.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That a sum not exceeding eight hundred and fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars be, and hereby is appropriated for this purpose, out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved and signed December 18, 1807.

One frigate and three armed schooners have arrived at St. John's, N. B. It is understood that they are to be stationed there for the defence of that harbour, besides which, a number more are daily expected from Halifax.

A portion of the militia at Halifax is continued embodied, and does regular garrison duty.

[N. E. Paladium.]

Yesterday morning about 8 o'clock, the French ship Patriot, of 74 guns, which has been in Hampton-Roads for a few days, got under weigh and proceeded with a favourable wind to sea. The British men of war have not been seen off our coast for three or four days. [From a Norfolk paper of Dec. 17.]

METEOR

On Monday morning last, between break of day and sunrise, a terrestrial meteor was seen from this place, flaming across the heavens in a direction from N. W. to S. E. Apparently it was as large as the moon at full, inconceivably bright, and travelled with amazing velocity, leaving a luminous tail behind. The light occasioned thereby when it crossed the zenith, was nearly equal to midday. A ridge of heavy dark clouds lay along the south and east, behind which it passed when it had arrived within about 30 degrees of the horizon illuminating the cloud for a moment, in all its parts. Within about 4 or 5 minutes, a heavy explosion was heard from the region of the heavens where it disappeared resembling the discharge of cannon.

[Poughkeepsie paper.]

From the Washington Federalist.

TREATY BETWEEN GREAT-BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

The following is the official note delivered by his majesty's commissioners, lord Holland and lord Auckland, to the American ministers, previous to the signature of the treaty:

NOTE.

The undersigned, Henry Richard Vassal, lord Holland, and William, lord Auckland, plenipotentiaries of his Britannic majesty, have the honour to inform James Monroe and William Pinkney, commissioners extraordinary and plenipotentiaries of the United States of America, that they are now ready to proceed to the signature of the treaty of amity, commerce and navigation, on the articles of which they have mutually agreed.

But at the same time they have it in command from his majesty, to call the attention of the commissioners of the United States to some extraordinary proceedings which have lately taken place on the continent of Europe, and to communicate to them officially the sentiments of his majesty's government thereupon.

The proceedings alluded to, are certain declarations and orders of the French government, issued at Berlin on the 21st of November last.

In those orders the French government seeks to justify or palliate its own unjust pretensions, by imputing to Great-Britain principles which the never professed, and practices which never existed. His majesty is accused of a systematic and general disregard of the law of nations, recognized by civilized states, and more particularly of an unwarrantable extension of the rights of blockade; whereas his majesty may confidently appeal to the world, on his uniform respect for neutral rights, and his general and scrupulous adherence to the law of nations, without condescending to contrast his conduct in these particular instances with that of his enemy.

The only specific charge it is notorious, that he has never declared any ports to be in a state of blockade; without allotting to that object a force sufficient to make the entrance into them manifestly dangerous.

Such principles are in themselves extravagant, and repugnant to the law of nations; and the pretensions founded on them, though professedly directed solely against Great-Britain, tend to alter the practice of war among civilized nations, and utterly to subvert the rights and independence of neutral powers. The undersigned cannot therefore believe that the enemy will ever seriously attempt to enforce such a system.

If he should, they are confident that the good sense of the American government will perceive the fatal consequences of such pretensions to neutral commerce, and that its spirit and regard to national honour will prevent its acquiescence in such palpable violation of its rights; and injurious encroachments on its interests.

If, however, the enemy should carry these threats into execution, and if neutral nations should, contrary to all expectation, acquiesce in such usurpations, his majesty might probably be compelled however, reluctantly, to retaliate in his just defence, and to issue orders to his cruisers to adopt towards neutrals any hostile system to which those neutrals shall have submitted from his enemies. The commissioners of the United States will therefore feel that at a moment when his majesty and all the neutral nations are threatened with such an extension of the belligerent pretensions of his enemies, he cannot enter into the stipulations of the present treaty without an explanation from the United States of their intentions or reservation on the part of his majesty in the case above mentioned, if it should ever occur.

The undersigned, considering that distance of the American government renders any immediate explanation on this subject impossible, and animated by a desire of forwarding the beneficial work in which they are engaged, are authorized by his majesty to conclude the treaty without delay.

They proceed to the signature under the full persuasion that before the treaty shall be returned from America, with the ratification of the United States, the enemy will either have formally abandoned, or tacitly relinquished, his unjust pretensions, or that the government of the U. States, by its conduct or assurances, will have given security to his majesty, that it will not submit to such innovations in the established system of maritime law; and the undersigned have presented this note from an anxious wish, that it should be clearly understood on both sides, that without such abandonment of his pretensions on the part of the enemy, or such assurances of such conduct on the part of the U. States, his majesty would not consider himself bound by the present signature of his commissioners to ratify the treaty, or precluded from adopting such measures as may seem necessary for countervailing the designs of his enemy, whenever they shall occur, and be of such an extraordinary nature as to require extraordinary remedies.

The undersigned, cannot conclude without expressing their satisfaction at the prospect of accomplishing an object so important to the interests and friendly connexions of both nations, and their sense of the conciliatory disposition manifested by the commissioners of the U. States, during the whole course of the negotiation.

(Signed)

"VASSAL HOLLAND

Dec. 31, 1806. "AUCKLAND.

"JAMES MUNROE, &c.

"WILLIAM PINKNEY, &c. &c.