

After the most mature deliberation, the senate have negatived your resolutions respecting the embargo imposed by a late act of congress, and conceive that a duty they owe themselves, and a due respect for your honourable body, require that they should assign some of the reasons which have influenced them in their decision on this important subject.

They apprehend, that so far as the late election of delegates to the general assembly can be deemed an expression of the public will of the people of this state on the policy of the embargo, it is in direct hostility with the resolutions which appear to be predicated upon it, in as much as the aggregate number of votes given in the several counties of this state to those candidates who were viewed as the advocates of that measure, exceed more than four thousand the number of votes given to its opponents. And by the returns of representatives to congress, which may, with more propriety, be said to manifest the opinion of the people of Maryland, it appears that six of the nine representatives were chosen as the friends of the embargo, and that the votes given throughout the state to candidates of such political opinions exceeded nearly five thousand the number of votes given to those of opposite political sentiments. But the senate conceive, that since the more recent election of electors of president and vice-president, upon this subject there can be no diversity of opinion, seeing that nine of the eleven electors are chosen as the avowed supporters of James Madison for the presidency of the union, and that several of those counties, now represented in the house of delegates by federal gentlemen, gave large majorities to the Madisonian electors. They view the embargo as a measure of a wise, efficient and dignified policy, rendered indispensably necessary by the unprecedented and unsettled state of the European world, and the only alternative between a ruinous and destructive war, and the abject surrender of our honour and independence, and that so far from being the cause of that multiplied, and aggravated train of national evils, with which, by the resolutions, it is charged, it has protected and promoted the present and permanent interests of our country, by withdrawing from the rapacious cupidity of the plunderers

of the ocean, our property of more than one hundred millions of dollars in amount, by rescuing from seizure and bondage our citizen mariners, and by diverting a portion of our wealth and attention to the establishment of those manufactories which are necessary to our subsistence, and are essential to our independence. That the jealousies and discontent, distrust, suspicion and alarm, which the resolutions pour-tray as flowing from the embargo, may with more correctness, be attributed to the specious misrepresentations, and insidious exertions, of the habitual opponents of the present administration, the friends of the great belligerents of Europe, and of artful and designing men, who seek their own aggrandizement through the distresses and commotions of their native country. That the late insolent and taunting communications of one of the great invaders of our rights, originate not so much from their disregard of the operation of the embargo, as from a confident hope of its speedy removal, and a desire to promote the interests, and verify the predictions, of those whom they conceive to be most friendly to their views, and compliant with their wishes. The senate are under a conscientious belief, that the adoption of these resolutions, though most assuredly not intended to that end, (for the house of delegates are too enlightened and too patriotic to act from any impulse against the real interest of their country,) but by some unfortunate occurrence of circumstances, without any hostile intent, will come in aid of the system of measures adopted by the belligerents of Europe, to embarrass the government of the nation, and effect its humiliation, precisely at the very moment when that system of measures, if it can succeed at all, this interposition of the legislature of Maryland will most effectually contribute to its success. They, moreover, feel the most unequivocal conviction, that as soon as the honour and interests of the union will permit, the constituted authorities of the nation will remove the embargo, and in their wisdom to discern, their patriotism to adopt, and their courage to execute, such measures as are most conducive to the safety, honour and welfare of their country, the senate of Maryland hereby declare the highest confidence.

Which was read.

Also the bill authorising Thomas J. Pattison, late sheriff and collector of Dorchester county, to complete his collection, and the bill authorising the appointment of commissioners to review the public road leading through the lands of Elizabeth Charlton and Mary Sim, in Frederick county, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendments were read.

A petition from capt. Jacob Walters, of Baltimore county, praying he may be empowered to enforce the payment of certain old debts due him; a petition from Joseph Green, late sheriff and collector of Charles county, praying further time to complete his collections; a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for a bridge across the Susquehanna; and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for a bridge across the little falls of Gunpowder; were severally preferred, read and referred.

Mr. J. H. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the parsonage-house and the church belonging to the German evangelical lutheran congregation in Frederick-town, in Frederick county; which was read.

A petition from Samuel Smith, of Harford county, counter to the petition of William Smith, and a pe-

tion from sundry inhabitants of Belle-Air, in Harford county, praying that a law to prevent swine from going at large in said town may be repealed, or further extended, were preferred, read and referred.

Mr. J. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act to open a road in Frederick county; which was read.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of Mary Connerly, and the bill authorising the appointment of commissioners to review the public road leading through the lands of Elizabeth Charlton and Mary Sim, were agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, Ordered, That the bill for the opening and extending of Platt-street, in the city of Baltimore, which was referred from the last session to the present, be referred to the next general assembly of Maryland.

Mr. Sappington delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road to and from the mill of Joshua Howard, on Sam's creek, in Frederick county; which was read.

The bill to confirm a sale of land made by the executors of Henry Willis to Joseph Haines, and the bill authorising repairs to the old, or the erection of a new, gaol in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, were read the second time, and passed.

Mr. Sanders delivers a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the act therein mentioned; which was twice read, and passed.

Ordered, That the committee appointed to inquire into the expenses incurred by the governor and council under a resolution of November session, 1806, for furnishing the house of delegates with desks, be and they are hereby authorised and instructed to inquire into all the expenses in furnishing, fitting up and repairing, the room of the house of delegates, incurred either under the said resolution, or under part of another resolution, passed at the same session, empowering the governor and council to order such repairs to be made in the said room as to them should appear necessary.

Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the preservation of the breed of wild deer in Dorchester county.

The house adjourns till Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 5, 1808.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday, except Mr. Neale. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The supplement to the act to lay out and open a road to and from the mill of Joshua Howard, on Sam's creek, in Frederick county, the bill authorising repairs to the old, or the erection of a new, gaol in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, the bill to repeal the act therein mentioned, the bill to open a road in Frederick county, and the bill to confirm a sale of land made by the executors of Henry Willis to Joseph Haines, were sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for a lottery for the benefit of Jerusalem church; a petition from William Gough, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce; a petition from sundry inhabitants of Bladenburgh, praying a law for the purpose of building two bridges and erecting a causeway across the Eastern Branch; a petition from Esther Jarman, of Worcester county, praying an allowance for her support; and a petition from William D. Beall, of George-town, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying assistance; were severally preferred, read and referred.

The resolution in favour of Denwood Hicks was read the second time, assented to and sent to the senate.

A petition from the trustees of Lower West Nottingham presbyterian congregation, in Cecil county, praying they may be authorised to increase their real property, was preferred, read and referred.

The amendment proposed to the bill authorising Thomas J. Pattison, late sheriff and collector of Dorchester county, to complete his collection, was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to repeal part of an act of assembly therein mentioned, and the bill to incorporate the president and directors of the Baltimore water company, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Chapman delivers a favourable report on the petition of J. Im Trueman; which was read.

Leave given to bring in a bill to establish and confirm certain acts done by persons holding offices of trust or profit under the government of the United States.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read.

A petition from Jesse Jarrett, of Harford county, praying commissioners may be appointed to review a certain road, and to assess the damages sustained by him by said road running through his land, was preferred, read and referred.

The bill to lay out and open two public roads in Cecil county, was read the second time and passed.

Leave given to bring in a bill to alter, change and abolish, such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the manner of voting in the two houses of the legislature.

Mr. Seth delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to voters and qualification of voters; which was read.

Mr. Bowles delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of George Rutter, of Washington county; which was read.

Mr. Randall delivers a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and straighten a road in Baltimore county; which was read.

The bill authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the parsonage-house and the church belonging to the German evangelical lutheran congregation in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, and the bill for the relief of petit jurors of Baltimore county court, were read the second time, and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill annulling the marriage therein mentioned, being supplementary to an act for the relief of Mary Gwynn, of Frederick county, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill to repeal part of the seventh section of an act, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the regulation and improvement of Denton, in Caroline county, endorsed, "will not pass." The further supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the public roads in the several counties therein mentioned, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment; which amendment was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. A letter from the governor, enclosing accounts of the expenditures for furnishing the government-house, and keeping the same in repair; which was read, and referred to the committee of claims.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 6, 1808.

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

The bill for the relief of petit jurors of Baltimore county court, the bill authorising a lottery for the purpose of repairing the parsonage-house and the church belonging to the German evangelical lutheran congregation in Frederick county, and the bill to lay out and open two public roads in Cecil county, were sent to the senate.

The further additional supplement to the act for marking and bounding lands, was read the second time, and passed.

A petition from Mary Hines, of Washington county, praying a divorce, and a petition from Galloway Watkins, of Anne-Arundel county, a revolutionary officer, praying relief, were preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Angier delivers a bill, entitled an act for the relief of Harriet G. Wykoop; which was twice read, and passed.

Mr. S. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor of Montgomery county; which was twice read, and passed.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that a certain road may be extended and kept in repair, was preferred, read and referred.

The house returned the consideration of the supplement to the act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, which being read throughout, the further consideration thereof was postponed, and the bill ordered to be printed.

Mr. Randall delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of Jacob Walters; which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. P. Stewart delivers a favourable report on the petition of Robert C. Stone, and others; which was read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the act to incorporate a school in Allegany county, by the name of Allegany Court School, and after filling up the blank therein with 150 dolls. and reading the bill throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. J. H. Thomas delivers a favourable report on the petition of Ariana French; which was read.

A memorial from Edward Norwood, counter to the petition of Robert Oliver, and others, was preferred and referred.

Mr. Randall delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and straighten a road in Baltimore county; which was read.

Mr. Downey delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of William Hines, and Mary his wife, of Washington county; which was read.

Mr. Blard delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Anne Ricketts, and a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Jacob Gettig, of the city of Baltimore; which were read.

Mr. T. N. Williams delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Esther Jarman, of Worcester county; which was read.

Mr. Beall delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the county court of Prince-George's county to grant a commission to mark and bound the lands therein mentioned; which was read.

Mr. Frazier delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual preservation of the breed of wild deer in Dorchester county; which was read.

A petition from William Gwynn, of the city of Baltimore, praying that the right of Baltimore county to part of a lot may be conveyed to him, on payment of a reasonable compensation, and a petition from John Swann, counter thereto, were preferred and referred.

Mr. Blard delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of William Gough; which was twice read and concurred with.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

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