

of Edward Dement and others, to the road from Chaptico to Charlotte Hall School, may be made public; which was read and referred.

Mr. Harryman delivers a bill to change the place of holding the election in the fifth election district in Baltimore county.

On motion by Mr. Forwood, a message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, appointing Messrs. H. Hall, Parnham, Z. Duvall, Tyler and Evans, a committee on the part of the House of Delegates, to join such gentlemen as may be appointed by the Senate to form a committee of both houses to compare and examine all bills, from time to time during the session, as soon as they shall be severally engrossed.

Mr. Swearingen delivers a bill, authorizing the drawing of a lottery or lotteries in Middle-town, in Frederick county; which was read.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a bill supplementary to an act passed at November session, 1809, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments; which was read the first and second time by special order and sent to the senate.

Mr. Evans delivers a bill to empower Rebecca Candler and John Candler, administrators of Wm. Candler, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, to collect the fees and county tax put in his hands for collection, during his life time; which was read.

Mr. Claude delivers a petition from Mary King of the City of Annapolis, praying that the pension allowed to her husband may be paid to her; which was read and referred.

Mr. Emory delivers a petition from T. Gadd, of Queen-Anne's county, an old soldier, praying relief; which was read and referred.

Mr. Randall delivers a bill supplementary to an act, entitled, An act authorizing the Levy Court of Baltimore county to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

#### FRIDAY, NOV. 8.

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

Mr. A. Jones delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of the town of Barnville, Montgomery county, praying that the said town may be laid off into lots; which was read and referred.

Mr. Downey delivers a petition from John Leaburn, an old soldier, praying relief; which was read and referred.

Mr. Evans delivers a petition from Walter C. Williams, of Montgomery county, praying that the direction of a road from the Methodist meeting house, to intersect the Baltimore road, may be changed; which was read and referred.

Mr. T. Williams delivers a petition from Richard Balfet and others, proprietors of part of the Bohemia manor, in Cecil county, praying that stock may be prohibited from going at large on said manor; which was read and referred.

Mr. C. Darby has leave of absence.

Mr. John Tillotson, a delegate for Caroline county, & Mr. S. Tenant delegate for Talbot county, appeared, qualified & took their seats.

Mr. Emory delivers a favourable report on the petition of Thomas Gadd, an old soldier, which was read the first and second time by special order, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the council delivers the journal of the proceedings of that body.

On motion by Mr. Randall, Leave given to bring in a bill authorizing the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for repairing the Liberty-town road.

Mr. Street delivers a bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year; which was read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Jump delivers a bill to authorize and empower the Justices of the Levy court of Caroline county to discontinue so much of the public road as is therein mentioned, and Mr. Swearingen a bill to lay out and open a road in Frederick county; which were read.

Mr. T. Williams delivers a petition from James Maxwell, of Cecil county, a revolutionary soldier, praying relief; which was read and referred.

The Clerk of the Senate delivers a communication from his excellency the governor, inclosing an account of his expenditures under a resolution of November session, 1809, for the better repairing and furnishing the government house, and requesting that a committee be appointed to examine and report the state of the building, furniture, &c. which was read and referred.

Mr. Arnold E. Jones and Mr. Henry Long, delegates from Somerset county, Mr. James Somerville and Mr. John C. Herbert, from Prince-George's, and Mr. John H. Riggs, from Montgomery, appeared, qualified and took their seats.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying that the city commissioners may be directed to cause a survey & plat of the ground lying between Harford-street and the end of Wolfe-street to be made, and that the said ground may be condemned as a public street; also a petition from Benjamin Williams, of

the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency; also a petition from John and Ralph Harford, praying for a special act of insolvency; Mr. Swearingen a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for a road; and Mr. T. Jones a petition from sundry inhabitants of said county, counter thereto; which were severally read and referred.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a report relative to an exchange of laws; which was read.

Mr. Downey delivers a favourable report on the petition of John Sealburn; which was read.

Mr. Pechin delivers a petition from Deborah Bartleton, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred.

Mr. Bowler delivers the following report: The committee to whom was referred the communication of his excellency the governor relative to the government house and furniture, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the same, and find the mansion house and out houses are in good repair; the garden in excellent order; the interior of the mansion house is handsomely furnished; the whole of which evidently shews, on the part of his excellency, a judicious application of the public money appropriated by the legislature for that purpose, and exhibits his unremitting attention for the preservation of the public property. Your committee, from the examination which they have made, are of opinion that a very small appropriation will be fully sufficient for the ensuing year.

Which was read.

Mr. Emory delivers a petition from Philemon Murphy, of Queen-Anne's county, praying he may be allowed certain fees as cryer to said county court; which was read and referred.

The bill authorizing the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the Liberty-town road, and the bill to change the place of holding the election in the fifth election district in Baltimore county, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Sanders, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to confirm a road in Harford and Baltimore counties therein mentioned.

The bill of the Executive delivers a communication from that body, inclosing a report of arms belonging to the state; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Swearingen, a message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, proposing to proceed immediately to the election of a Governor, and nominating Robert Bowie and John E. Howard, Esquires.

The bill for the benefit of John Smock, of Worcester county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. T. Williams delivers a petition from William McCullough, of Lancafer county, praying a certain deed may be recorded; which was read and referred.

Mr. Claude delivers a favourable report on the petition of Mary King; which was twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Sanders delivers a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to confirm a road in Harford and Baltimore counties therein mentioned; which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following resolution.

Resolved, That hereafter the acts and resolutions, and the votes and proceedings of the general assembly, be printed on paper of the size of that usually called royal octavo; that the day on which a law shall have passed be noted in the margin opposite to its title, and that the day on which any resolution, published with the laws, shall have been finally assented to, be also noted. That a short marginal abstract be given of each clause of an act as heretofore, and that as often as the acts and resolutions printed shall be sufficient to make a separate volume, a table or index shall also be printed of the contents of the volume, together with a suitable title page.

Which was read.

Also the bill authorizing the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the Liberty-town road, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

And a message proposing to ballot immediately for a Governor for the ensuing year.

The bill for the relief of Daniel A. Smith, of Harford county, was read the second time and passed.

The house proceeded to ballot for a Governor; the ballots were deposited in the box and delivered to a committee previously appointed to examine them, who, after some time, reported that Robert Bowie, Esquire, was elected.

The further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to confirm a road in Harford and Baltimore counties therein mentioned, was read the second time, amended, and passed.

The bill to authorize and empower the justices of the levy court of Caroline county to

discontinue so much of the public road as is therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Howard delivers a petition from Nathaniel Wallace, of Allegany county, an alien, praying his title to certain real property may be confirmed; which was read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers a message proposing that a joint letter be written by the Speaker and President of the Senate, to Robert Bowie, Esq. requesting his attendance to qualify as Governor; which was read.

The bill to lay out and open a road in Frederick county, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Stevens, a message was sent to the senate concurring with their proposition of a joint letter to Robert Bowie, Esq. being immediately written and forwarded.

Mr. Swearingen delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorizing the levy court of Frederick county to appoint commissioners to lay out and open a road therein mentioned; which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

#### COMMUNICATION

From the Governor to the Legislature of this State.

IN COUNCIL, Annapolis, Nov. 4, 1811.

GENTLEMEN,

IT is to us a source of great pleasure, to be enabled to inform the general assembly that the building erected for the purpose of carrying into effect the act concerning crimes and punishments, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and nine, is now completed, and in all respects prepared for the reception of those criminals who may be condemned to work and labour therein.

This valuable institution, we confidently trust, will fully answer the wise, politic and humane views of the legislature; and while it shall promote the moral improvement of those unhappy persons who may become victims to the lawless violence of their own unbridled passions, will effectually enforce every necessary purpose of the criminal justice of our country.

In cherishing this hope, consolatory to the philanthropic feelings of the heart, we derive much encouragement from the happy experience of our sister states, whose enlightened policy it has been to refer to a trial experiment what before was only admitted in theory and speculation.

Under the wise and superintending care of the legislature, this useful establishment cannot fail to prove an efficient corrective of vice, and a powerful auxiliary to virtue.

In conformity to the direction of the legislature, expressed at their last session, a copy of the resolution relative to the division line between this state and the commonwealth of Virginia, has been transmitted to the governor of that commonwealth, to whom the wish of the general assembly, that a similar resolution might be passed by the legislature of that state, was also communicated.

To this proposition no answer has yet been received; to what cause the omission is to be ascribed has not yet been understood, and therefore cannot be stated or even conjectured.

No commissioners have been appointed on the part of this state, because as the concurrence of both parties interested was essential to the accomplishment of the object of the resolution, it was deemed unnecessary to make an appointment until it was ascertained that a similar proceeding would be adopted by the legislature of Virginia.

The Resolution empowering the Executive to grant indulgence to certain debtors of the government, upon the terms and conditions therein stated, has not been acted upon, because no application has been made for the extension of payment thereby authorized.

As directed by a Resolution of the legislature, the Executive have appointed a person to take care of and preserve the public arms deposited in the Arsenal at the seat of government, the duties of which trust they believe to have been regularly and attentively executed.

The Executive have also contracted for such repairs of the stable-house as they deemed necessary for its preservation, which have been in part executed. They think it at the same time proper to suggest, that a further appropriation will be indispensable to execute the object of the general assembly, and repair the deprecations committed by time upon that valuable and costly building.

Upon this subject, however, it is supposed to be unnecessary further to enlarge, as the means of information are equally accessible to all.

The resolution relative to an exchange of laws with our sister states has been complied with. Conformably to their last session, we have passed an act, for the purpose of causing to be printed, for the use of the state, one thousand copies of Chancellor Killy's compilation of English and British Statutes, upon a plan of arrangement as to consult economy, and to be conveniently assort with the revised laws.

They beg leave also to remark, that no time has been lost in adding every practicable means to have Arsenals properly fitted up and prepared at Frederick-town and Eastern, for the reception and safe-keeping of the public arms.

Conformably to the provisions of an act of the general assembly, passed at November session, 1808, the Executive have purchased twelve hundred stand of arms, two field-pieces, fifty brass and one hundred horsemen's pistols, all of which have been received except the pistols, which it is expected will be sent on as soon as practicable; twelve hundred cartridge boxes have also been contracted for, one half of which have been received; the remainder are ready for delivery, and are daily expected.

The governor and council herewith transmit to the executive departments of our sister states, upon the subject of the proposed amendment of the constitution of the United States, inhibiting any citizen thereof from accepting, claiming or retaining any title of honour or nobility, without consent of congress, or accepting or retaining any present, pension, office or emolument, from any foreign power. They also transmit sundry communications which have been received from our sister states, relative to an exchange of laws.

The general assembly will likewise receive herewith a copy of an act passed by the legislature of the state of New-York, together with a communication

from the commissioners thereby appointed, the object of which seems to be, to solicit our aid and co-operation in an improvement of the internal navigation of that state.

Congratulating you, Gentlemen, upon your safe arrival at the seat of government, and hoping, from the united wisdom and exertions of all, the happiest results for the common good, in the management of our public concerns.

We have the honour to be, With high consideration and respect, Your Fellow-Citizens, Edw. Lloyd.

George E. Mitchell, James Butcher, John Stephen, Thomas W. Hall and Reverdy Blandin, esquires, were on Tuesday last elected the Council to the Governor.

#### GREAT INCREASE.

Mr. James Williams, of this City, in his last planted Two Potatoes, from South America, called the Lobster Potatoe, which produced One Bushel Three pecks, weighing ninety-four pounds!

#### CONGRESS OF THE U. STATES.

Reported for the Federal Gazette.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Monday, Nov. 4, 1811.

At 12 o'clock Mr. Magruder, clerk of the house, requesting the members present to take their seats, that it might be ascertained whether there was a quorum; there appeared 120 members.

Mr. Randolph expressed a wish that the election of a speaker might be postponed till 1 o'clock, in order to give an opportunity to members to vote who might be in town but had not yet arrived at the Capitol, or to those that might arrive in town previous to that time.

Mr. Smith objected to any delay, which he considered unnecessary; there was already a quorum unusually large. Mr. Randolph withdrew his motion.

The house proceeded to ballot for a speaker. Mr. Blaine, Mr. Sturges and Mr. H. Clay, from Kentucky, was declared elected.

The names of the members of the house were then called over, by states, by the clerk, and those present were sworn by the speaker.

On motion of Mr. Findley, the house proceeded to the choice of a clerk: — Messrs. Sanford, Pleasants and Ormsby, tellers. The whole number of votes was 113, of which Patrick Magruder had 97, and William Lambert 16. Mr. Magruder was declared elected, and was sworn by the speaker.

A message was received from the senate, informing the house that a quorum of that body had assembled.

Mr. Dawson moved that a message be sent to the senate to inform them of the assembling of a quorum of the house, and that they had made choice of Henry Clay, one of the members from the state of Kentucky, as the speaker. Agreed.

The house then proceeded to ballot for a sergeant at arms. Thomas Dunn was re-elected without opposition.

A message was received from the senate, informing the house that a committee had been appointed by the senate to join a committee of the house for the purpose of waiting on the president, and informing him that a quorum of both houses were assembled, and were ready to receive any communications he might be pleased to make to them.

On motion of Dr. Mitchell, a similar committee was appointed by the house. Committee of the senate, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Gillard—Committee of the house, Mr. Pitkin and Mr. Mitchell.

Thomas Claxton and Benj. Burck were re-elected door-keeper and assistant door-keeper, without opposition.

Mr. Newton moved that the standing rules and orders of the house be continued, till a revision or alteration shall take place. Carried.

The committee appointed to wait on the president, returned at half past two o'clock, and Mr. Mitchell reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and were informed by the president that he would communicate by message to-morrow at 12 o'clock. House adjourned.

#### Tuesday, November 5.

Mr. Newton moved the usual resolution for furnishing members with three daily newspapers, or other papers to the same amount. Carried.

Mr. Pitkin moved for the printing of 500 copies of the rules and orders of the house for the use of members. Carried.

Mr. Coles, the president's private secretary, entered the hall a little after 12 o'clock with the president's message, accompanied with a large bundle of documents.

The message was read by the clerk. The clerk then proceeded to read the first document, which was the doings of the court of inquiry, relative to commodore Rogers. The reading of this document was dispensed with.

The clerk, assisted by the speaker, Mr. Randolph and Mr. Brown, read the correspondence that had passed in July and October, between Mr. Foster and Mr. Monroe, relative to the situation of the two countries,

independent, and the occurrence and respect to-morrow.

The correspondence occupied the remainder of the day, and adjourned.

The correspondence of Mr. Foster's arrival first of July that month.

Mr. Foster's long letter to the Prince Regent, and a earnest wish for a good understanding.

Mr. Foster's courtly address and right of precedence of the Duke de St. Sulg.

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