

**SHERIFF'S SALES.**

of a writ of *venditioni exponas*, directed, out of Anne Arundel County, to be exposed to Public Sale, on the 10th day of December next, at James Tavern, in the city of Annapolis, right, title and interest of the said Anne Arundel County, situated in an undivided part of a tract of land, called *Green's Purchase*, situated on Patuxent River, and within a small tract of land, called *Green's Purchase*, property of said Samuel Anderson, Andrew Anderson, Samuel Anderson, and Gaither. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock. Terms cash.

John Cord, Shff. A. A. C.

of a writ of *fiert facias* issued out of the court of appeals for the western shore, to be exposed to Public Sale, on the 7th day of December next, at Mr. James Hunter's Tavern, in the city of Annapolis, right, title and interest of the said Harrison, in and to a tract of land, called *Harrison's Security*, containing 215 acres, situated in the lower part of the said county. Seized and taken as the property of Samuel Harrison, and taken as the property of Richard Hodges and Estep. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock. Terms cash.

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**CONGRESS OF THE U. STATES.**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

Thursday, November 7.

Dr. Mitchell moved that the house proceed to the appointment of the usual standing committees. Mr. Dawson observed that the speaker being a new member, and there being about fifteen new members of the house, to enable him to make the selections for the different committees, a further time would be convenient; and therefore hoped the House would not proceed to their appointment till to-morrow, which would allow the Speaker till Monday to fill the committees. The appointment of all was postponed till to-morrow, except that of the committee of privileges and elections.

Mr. Burwell presented the petition of John Calliafero, of Virginia, complaining of the undue election of John Hungerford. Referred to the committee of privileges and elections. Adjourned a quarter before 12.

Friday, November 8.

The appointment of the Standing Committee was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, a committee of seven was appointed to apportion the representation, agreeably to the late census. On motion of Mr. Rhea, (Ten.) the petition of certain inhabitants of Louisiana Territory, heretofore presented, praying the aid of government of the second grade, was referred to the select committee.

The petition of B. Merrill and Alexander Richards, Newburyport, stating that the petitioners, relying on the President's proclamation that the Berlin & Milan Decrees were repealed, had shipped a cargo of silk to Naples, which had been seized under those decrees, and praying relief, was referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Seybert presented the petition of George Aynoyd and company. The petitioners state that there are due to them about 60,000 in the Islands of St. Croix and St. Martin's, due before the President's proclamation of Nov. 2, 1810, they pray leave to receive the produce of those Islands in payment; and moved its reference to the committee of commerce and manufactures.

Mr. Wright objected to its reference to a select committee. On decision of the House members only dissented to its reference. Mr. Bacon offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee to enquire into the expediency of repealing or suspending the operation of the several acts of limitation, so far as they may operate to bar the payment of the following description of claims:

- 1 Loan Office Certificates.
- 2 Indents for the interest on the Public Debt.
- 3 Final Settlement Certificates.
- 4 Commissioners Certificates.
- 5 Army Certificates.
- 6 Credits given in lieu of Army Certificates Cancelled.
- 7 Credits when no Certificates were given.
- 8 Invalid Pensions.
- 9 Lost or destroyed Certificates.

Resolution carried. A message was received from the Senate, mentioning the appointment of Mr. Varnum on the joint committee on enrolled bills. The House ordered the appointment of a member on their part.

Mr. Talmadge presented the petition of Abraham Whipple, commodore in the revolution, praying to be put on the pension list. Referred to a select committee of three.

On motion of Davenport, the house resolved on the appointment of two chaplains, to interchange weekly with the Senate.

Mr. Reed presented a petition from Salem similar to that presented by Mr. Seybert. Referred as before. Adjourned at 2 o'clock, till Monday.

Monday, Nov. 11.

Mr. Seybert presented the petition of certain merchants in Philadelphia, having goods in England, purchased previous to their having knowledge of any legal impediment to their importation, and praying licence to import them now. Referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of David Beck, of this District, stating that he is unfortunately married to a woman who prefers another man, and lives in a state of adultery with him and others; he therefore prays a divorce. Referred to the committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Mitchell presented the petition of certain Iron mongers of N. York stating their having purchased articles of hardware &c. in G. Britain, which they were unable to import before the operations of the non-intercourse act; they therefore ask leave now to import it. Referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures.

Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Brigham, and Mr. Quincy, presented similar petitions from merchants and others, having British goods in England and Canada, and praying leave to import them; which were referred to the same committees.

A resolution was passed instructing the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to bring in a bill allowing members to frank the president's message and documents, tho' weighing more than two ounces. The bill was soon after reported, read three times and passed.

The Comptrollers list of debts due to the U. States, of more than three years outstanding, was referred to the committee of ways and means.

A petition of certain merchants of Salem, praying relief, their cargoes having been condemned at Naples after the President's proclamation announcing the repeal of the French decrees, was referred, as before, to the committee of commerce and manufactures. Adjourned at half past one.

Tuesday, November 12.

The house, on motion of Mr. Smilie, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union, on the President's message.—Mr. Bibb in the chair.

Mr. Smilie then offered the following resolutions:

- 1. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to our foreign relations, be referred to a select committee.
- 2. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to measures of public defence demanded by the present crisis, be referred to a select committee.
- 3. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the revenue, and to the provisions necessary for the ensuing year, be referred to the committee of ways and means.
- 4. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to evasions and infractions of the non-intercourse law, be referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures.
- 5. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to foreign licences, and to the protections of manufactures and navigation, be referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures.
- 6. Resolved, That so much of the President's message as relates to the Spanish American colonies, be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Dawson proposed the following additional resolution, which was adopted:

- Resolved, That those parts of the President's message relative to the naval force and to the defence of our maritime frontiers, be referred to a select committee.

Previous to the adoption in committee of the whole of the 6th resolution, Mr. Randolph, after offering various reasons in support of his motion, moved that the committee rise and report progress.

Messrs. Allison and Smilie opposed; Messrs. Quincy and Randolph supported it; not carried, 72 being in favour of rising and reporting the resolutions.

Mr. Sprague resumed his seat and Mr. Bibb reported.

Mr. Randolph, after offering a variety of reasons in support of his motion, moved that the report of the committee of the whole be recommitted to the same committee, and demanded on this question the yeas and nays, yeas 33, noes 92.

Mr. Randolph then moved a postponement of the resolutions till to-morrow. Mr. Macon advocated the motion—he wished the resolutions to lie on the table. Mr. Randolph withheld his motion, that they might lie on the table. Motion lost 68 to 47.

Mr. Randolph moved for the reading of the documents accompanying the President's message, and demanded the yeas and nays on the question. Yeas 35, Noes 84.

Mr. Williams moved to strike out a part of the 2d resolution in order to refer to different committees different parts of national defence &c. Carried. He then moved that so much of the President's Message as relates to filling the ranks and prolonging the enlistment of the regular troops, and to auxiliary forces, be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Randolph moved the postponement till to-morrow of the report of the committee of the whole, not carried, 72 opposed.

The resolution of Mr. Williams was adopted, and a committee of five ordered.

In the 4th resolution it was moved to strike out "non-intercourse," and insert commercial laws.—Mr. Quincy tho't the idea would be more correctly expressed by inserting "the anti commercial laws of the United States."—"Commercial laws" were inserted.

On motion of Mr. Bacon, so much of the President's message as relates to the manufacture of cannon and fire-arms, and to the munitions of war, was referred to a select committee of five.

The house ordered that the select committee on foreign relations consist of nine.

On motion of Mr. Bacon, so much of the President's message as relates to Indian affairs was referred to a select committee of five. The report of the committee of the whole, as amended, was then agreed to. Adjourned, 3 o'clock.

Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Mr. McKim presented the petition of certain merchants of Baltimore, having goods in England, purchased before February 2d, 1811, and praying leave to import them.—Referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures.

Mr. Quincy presented similar petitions from merchants of Massachusetts. Referred to the same committee.

Mr. Newton reported a bill for the relief of Thomas and John Clifford and Charles Wigram. Twice read and referred to a committee of the whole for Monday.

Mr. Macon asked leave of absence for Mr. Blackledge till Wednesday next. Granted.

Mr. Gold offered a resolution, on which a committee of three were ordered. Resolved that a committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the more convenient taking of recognizances of bail and affidavits in causes depending in the respective courts of the U. States.

The Speaker presented the petition of Matthew Lyon, praying a reimbursement of his fine paid by him for infractions of the sedition law, with interest and damages. Referred to a select committee, with orders, suggested by Mr. Randolph, to inquire into the expediency of making further provision for the security of the freedom of the press and of speech.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition, praying for a Light-house on Race-Point, Cape Cod. Referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures.

Mr. Condit moved a resolution instructing the committee of commerce and manufactures to inquire into the expediency of encouraging manufactures by import duties or prohibition of importations. Carried.

The following resolution was laid on the table by Mr. Randolph: Resolved, that a committee be appointed to inquire and report whether the monies drawn from the treasury since March 3d, 1801, have been duly applied to the purposes for which they were appropriated, and whether they have been regularly accounted for.

**MESSAGE.**

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I communicate to Congress copies of a correspondence between the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Great Britain and the Secretary of State, relative to the aggression committed by a British ship of war on the U. S. frigate Chesapeake, by which it will be seen that this subject of difference between the two countries is terminated by an offer of reparation which has been acceded to.

JAMES MADISON.  
Washington, Nov. 13 1811.

MR. FOSTER TO MR. MONROE.  
Washington, Oct. 30, 1811.

SIR I had already the honour to mention to you that I came to this country furnished with instructions from his royal highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of his majesty, for the purpose of proceeding to a final adjustment of the differences which have arisen between Great Britain and the United States of America in the affair of the Chesapeake frigate, and I had also that of acquainting you with the necessity under which I found myself of suspending the execution of those instructions in consequence of my not having perceived that any steps whatever were taken by the American government to clear up the circumstances of an event which threatened so materially to interrupt the harmony subsisting between our two countries, as that which occurred in the month of last May between the United States ship President and his majesty's ship Little Belt, when every evidence before his majesty's government seemed to shew that a most evident and wanton outrage had been committed on a British sloop of war by an American commodore.

A court of inquiry, however, as you informed me in your letter of the 11th inst. has since been held by order of the President of the United States on the conduct of commodore Rodgers, and this preliminary to further discussion on the subject being all that I asked in the first instance as due to the friendship subsisting between the two states, I have now the honour to acquaint you that I am ready to proceed in the truest spirit of conciliation to lay before you the terms of reparation which his royal highness has commanded me to propose to the United States government, and only wait to know when it will suit your convenience to enter upon the discussion.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration & respect, sir, your most obedient humble servant.

AUG. J. FOSTER.  
To the Hon. James Monroe, &c.

MR. MONROE TO MR. FOSTER.  
Department of State, Oct. 31, 1811.

SIR I have just had the honour to receive your letter of the 30th of this month.

I am glad to find that the communication which I had the honour to make to you on the 11th inst. relative to the court of inquiry, which was the subject of it, is viewed by

you in the favourable light which you have stated.

Although I regret that the proposition which you now make in consequence of that communication, has been delayed to the present moment, I am ready to receive the terms of it whenever you may think proper to communicate them. Permit me to add, that the pleasure of finding them satisfactory will be duly augmented, if they should be introductory to a removal of all the differences depending between our two countries, the hope of which is so little encouraged by your past correspondence. A prospect of such a result will be embraced on my part, with a spirit of conciliation equal to that which has been expressed by you.

I have the honour to be, &c.  
(Signed) JAMES MONROE.  
Aug. J. Foster, Esq. &c. &c.

MR. FOSTER TO MR. MONROE.  
Washington, Nov. 1, 1811.

SIR In pursuance of the orders which I have received from his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of his Majesty, for the purpose of proceeding to a final adjustment of the differences which have arisen between Great Britain and the United States in the affair of the Chesapeake frigate, I have the honour to acquaint you—first,

that I am instructed to report to the American government the prompt disavowal made by his majesty (and recited in Mr. Erskine's note of April 17, 1809, to Mr. Smith) on being apprised of the unauthorized act of the officer in command of the naval forces on the coast of America whose recall from an highly important and honourable command immediately ensued as a mark of his Majesty's disapprobation.

Secondly, that I am authorized to offer, in addition to that disavowal, on the part of His Royal Highness, the immediate restoration, as far as circumstances will admit, of the men who in consequence of Admiral Berkeley's orders were forcibly taken out of the Chesapeake to the vessel from which they were taken; or if that ship should be no longer in commission, to such seaport of the United States as the American government may name for the purpose.

Thirdly, that I am also authorized to offer to the American government a suitable pecuniary provision for the sufferers in consequence of the attack on the Chesapeake, including the families of those seamen who unfortunately fell in the action, and of the wounded survivors.

These honourable propositions, I can assure you, sir, are made with the sincere desire that they may prove satisfactory to the government of the United States, and I trust they will meet with that amicable reception which their conciliatory nature entitled them to. I need scarcely add how cordially I join with you in the wish that they might prove introductory to a removal of all differences depending between our two countries.

I have the honour to be, with the greatest consideration and respect, sir, your most obedient humble servant.

AUG. J. FOSTER.  
To the Hon. James Monroe, &c.

MR. MONROE TO MR. FOSTER.  
November 12th, 1811.

SIR I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 1st Nov. and to lay it before the President.

It is much to be regretted that the reparation due for such an aggression as that committed on the U. States frigate the Chesapeake, should have been so long delayed; nor could the translation of the offending officer from one command to another, be regarded as constituting a part of a reparation otherwise satisfactory; considering, however, the existing circumstances of the case, and the early & amicable attention paid to it by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, the President accedes to the propositions contained in your letter, and in so doing your government will, I am persuaded, see a proof of the conciliatory disposition by which the President has been actuated.

The officer commanding the Chesapeake now lying in the harbour of Boston, will be instructed to receive the men who are to be returned to that ship.

I have the honour, &c.  
JAMES MONROE.  
Aug. J. Foster, Esq. &c. &c.

**Public Sale.**

By virtue of a writ of *venditioni exponas*, to me directed, from the Court of Appeals for the western shore of Maryland, will be sold, at public sale, for Cash only, at the Union Tavern, Annapolis, on Tuesday the 10th day of December next, all that

**Tract or Parcel of Land,**

whereon John Merriken now lives, known by the name of *Scotland*, taken at the suit of Mary Beard, and others, use of Mary Stockett, adm'x. of Thomas N. Stockett, containing 40 acres more or less.

HENRY HOWARD, late shff. A. A. C.  
November 15, 1811.