

to Thomas Marsh Forman his title to said land. Read.

The house resumed the consideration of the third section of the bill for the valuation of real and personal property in this state, and after further amending the same, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

Mr. Randall delivers a petition from James Hood, of John, of Baltimore county, praying that his bond heretofore passed to the state for confiscated property, to which the state cannot make title, may be cancelled. Read and referred.

Mr. Duval delivers a memorial from Jehu Chandler, claiming a further compensation for his services in printing the Laws and Votes and Proceedings. Mr. Waller a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying that a road may be opened from Harren Creek in a direction toward the town of Laurel, in Sussex county, Delaware. Mr. Evans a petition from John Creswell, late sheriff of Cecil county, praying that he may be authorized to complete his collection. Read and referred.

On motion by Mr. A. E. Jones, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the title of The Bank of Somerset.

Mr. Warner delivers a petition from Lewis Michael, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency. Read.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, Leave given to bring in a bill to change and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government which relate to the time and manner of electing the senate of this state and the manner of filling up vacancies in that body.

The bill to confirm the Liberty road as now opened through Baltimore county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Stanbury delivers a bill supplementary to an act to authorize the levy court of Baltimore county, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money to build a bridge over the Great Falls of Gunpowder river, passed at November session, 1811; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate.

The honourable Levin Winder, Esq. having been elected Governor of the State of Maryland, and having arrived in this city, we have appointed Messrs. A. E. Jones and Stanbury, jointly with such gentlemen as shall be named by your house, to wait upon the Governor elect, and request his attendance in the senate room, to qualify according to the constitution and form of government.

Mr. Wilson delivers a petition from Gerard Snowden, and others, the representatives of John Snowden and Samuel Snowden, late of Anne-Arundel county, praying indemnification for a deficit of land purchased of the lord proprietor of the province of Maryland. Mr. Belt a petition from Elizabeth C. Fitzhugh, widow of Peregrine Fitzhugh, late an officer in the revolutionary army, praying relief. Mr. Wilson a petition from Peter G. Clarke of the city of Baltimore, an insolvent debtor, praying relief. Severally read and referred.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolutions relative to the flock belonging to this state, severally endorsed, "assented to." Ordered to be engrossed. And the following message:

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, We have appointed Messrs. Stephen and Bruce, to join the gentlemen nominated by your house, to wait upon his excellency the governor elect, and request his attendance in the senate chamber, for the purpose of qualifying as pointed out by the constitution and form of government.

On motion by Mr. Bayly, Ordered, That the bill to provide for the election of the justices of the levy courts by the people, be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Messrs. Bruce and McCreery, from the Senate, acquaint the speaker that the governor elect, is attending in the senate room, and the senate request his attendance, with the members of the house of delegates, in the senate room, to see the Governor qualified.

The speaker left the chair, and attended by the members of this house, went to the senate room, where his excellency qualified in the presence of both houses, by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, by taking the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government, the oath of office directed by act of assembly, and by taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States.

The speaker attended by the members of this house, returned and resumed the chair.

Mr. Potts delivers a bill for the relief of the congregation of United Brethren or Moravian Society at Graceham in Frederick county. Read.

Adjourned till to-morrow.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24, 1812.

The house met. Present as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The speaker laid before the house the reports of the clerks of Worcester and Caroline

counties, relative to the attendance of the judges. Read and referred.

Mr. Banning delivers a petition from James Harrison, Wm. Harrison of Jas. and others, praying for a road through the lands of Samuel and Joseph Harrison, in Talbot county. Mr. Lewis a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying that a road may be opened from the North East end of Jonathan-street, in Hagar's-Town, in a straight direction towards Green-castle. Mr. Perry a petition from sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, praying for a division of the second election district of said county. Mr. Graham a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Montgomery counties, praying that commissioners may be appointed to review and open a road from Liberty-Town to Hyatt's-Town. Severally read and referred.

Mr. Grahame delivers a petition from Evan Stevens, of Frederick county, an insolvent debtor, praying relief. Read and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the benefit of Thomas Colston, of Dorchester county, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolutions for clothing the militia now stationed at Annapolis, endorsed, "assented to." And the supplement to the act for building a bridge over the Great Falls of Gunpowder, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Crabb delivers a petition from Alexis Romain, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency. Read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hambleton delivers a petition from Elizabeth Taylor, of Talbot county, praying a divorce. Mr. Evans a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying for the incorporation of a Library Company at Elkton. Mr. Abiam Jones a petition from Solomon Davis & Samuel Dawson, praying that a road through their farms in Frederick county, may be shut up. Severally read and referred.

The bill annulling the marriage of Thomas Grimes and Sarah Grimes of Allegany county, was read the second time and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Determined in the negative.

Mr. Potts delivers a petition from Ezra Mantz, late sheriff of Frederick county, praying that he may be authorized to complete his collections. Mr. Wm. Stewart a petition from sundry inhabitants of Kent county, praying that a road therein mentioned may be opened. Severally read and referred.

Mr. Kandall delivers a favourable report on the petition of James Hood, of Baltimore county. Read.

Mr. Bowles delivers a memorial from the president and directors of the Potomak Company, praying a loan. Referred.

Mr. Belt delivers a report on the petition of Elizabeth C. Fitzhugh; stating that the funds of the state would be inadequate to extend that relief to the widows and children of the officers of the revolutionary army which has heretofore been extended to the surviving officers and soldiers; and recommending that she have leave to withdraw her petition. Read.

Mr. Perry delivers a petition from Nathaniel B. Magruder, a revolutionary soldier, praying relief; also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Allegany county praying a law may pass to prevent the inhabitants of Virginia from trespassing upon their lands. Referred.

Mr. Barney delivers a bill to lay out and straighten a road in Baltimore county. Read.

On motion by Mr. Wm. Stuart, Ordered, That the bill to tax bank stock, be made the order of the day for Friday the fourth of December.

Mr. Evans delivers a bill authorizing John Creswell to complete his collections. Read.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road between the streams of Big and Little Elk, through the village of Elkton, and to build a bridge over said streams in Cecil county; passed by that house Nov. 24. Read—And a resolution relative to letters and packets addressed to the presiding members of the legislature. Read.

The sixteenth rule of the house was dispensed with for the purpose of giving the said resolution a second reading.

The resolution was then read a second time and the question put, That the house assent to the same? Determined in the negative—yeas 6, nays 53.

Mr. A. E. Jones delivers a bill to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the title of the Bank of Somerset. Mr. Lecompte a bill to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government which relate to the time and manner of electing the senate of this state, and the manner of filling up vacancies in that body. Severally read.

On motion by Mr. Bayly, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Theodore Gunby, of Somerset county, to that of Theodore Gunby Dashiell.

Adjourned till to-morrow.

Thomas G. Addison, esq. of Prince-George's County, was on Tuesday last appointed a Member of the Executive, vice Benjamin Stoddert, esq. declined.

### PERVERSION & FALSEHOOD.

The National Intelligencer asserts without shame or circumlocution, that the district for which Mr. Lloyd is chosen an elector, consists of Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester. The truth is that it consists of the two former counties, and the most democratic portion of the latter. Instead of Lloyd's election by a very small majority arguing in favor of a democratic preponderance of those counties, it merely proves that the federalists did not all vote. Mr. Jump, his competitor, is not a federalist, but an older, more uniform and consistent democrat than himself.

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### CONGRESSIONAL.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

Monday, Nov. 16,

Mr. Seybert, presented a petition from sundry merchants of Philadelphia, importers of Dry Goods—This petition is in substance similar to those presented from New-York, Richmond, &c. Referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Milnor in consequence of the absence of a gentleman from Massachusetts, presented a similar one from the merchants of Bolton. Referred as above.

Mr. McKim presented a Memorial from sundry owners and agents of privateers of Baltimore, similar to the one presented a few days since by Mr. Mitchell, from New-York. Referred to the committee on naval affairs.

Mr. Little presented the petition of Francis Vintree, praying the renewal of a grant of 100 acres of land, under a resolution of the old Congress, for revolutionary services—the certificate for which was lost by the accidental burning of his house—Referred to the committee on public lands.

Mr. Rhea presented the petition of Mitchell praying relief from bonds given as security for the collector of the excise, in the district of Tennessee. Referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Gold, after some prefatory observations pointing out the inadequacy of the salaries of certain district judges to the duties by them performed, offered the following: Resolved, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salaries or compensations allowed by law to the district judges of the judicial district of the U. S. Negatived—Ayes 41—Noes 42.

An engrossed bill further to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia, was read a third time.

Mr. Lewis rose, and after some observations moved to recommit the bill for the purpose of amending it, so as to shorten the time of continuance, and to make provision for removing the mint to the City of Washington, the place contemplated for its permanent establishment.

Mr. Seybert hoped the motion would not prevail.

Mr. Smilie followed on the same side.

The motion was negatived and the bill passed.

Mr. Jennings offered the following: Resolved, That the committee on the public lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prolonging the time of payment to those purchasers of the public land N. W. of the river Ohio, who may have purchased prior to April 1809.

Resolved also, That they be instructed to inquire into the expediency of dividing the quarter sections of land and of reducing the price of the public lands. Adopted.

Mr. Poindexter submitted the following: Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of compelling the judges of the respective districts and territories of the U. S. to reside within the same. Adopted and a committee of five ordered.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Mr. Dinsmoor presented the petition of a revolutionary soldier, praying to be placed on the pension list. Referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Reed presented the petition of Boardman and Hope, and others of Boston, praying for a restitution of the ship American Hero and cargo, seized under the non importation act. Referred to the committee of ways and means.

Also, the petition of Simon Forester and of Salem, praying a restitution of the ship Restitution and cargo from Madras.—Referred as above.

Mr. Lewis presented the petition of Rebecca Hodgson, praying compensation for the House which was burnt some years ago while occupied as the War Office. Referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Gholson from the committee of claims reported on the petition of Wm. Hubbell that the prayer of the petitioner is unreasonable and ought not to be granted. The house concurred.

Mr. Bassett from the naval committee reported a bill in addition to the act concerning letters of marque, prizes and prize goods.—

The provisions of this bill are in conformity with the prayer of the petitions from New-York and Baltimore on that subject. Read twice and referred to a committee of the whole house for to-morrow.

Mr. Wright from the select committee appointed on his resolution authorizing the President to retaliate, reported a bill for that purpose, which was read twice and committed to a committee of the whole house.

On motion of Mr. Johnson it was ordered that the committee of ways and means have leave to sit to-morrow during the session of the House.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Mr. Quincy presented the petition of James Price praying to be repaid the sum of \$200 advanced by his father in the year 1779.—Referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Fitch presented the petition of Conrad Koffer of New-York, praying to be placed on the pension list. Referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Blegger presented the petition of sundry merchants of Albany, importers of Dry Goods—similar to those presented on former days. Referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Pleasants presented a similar one from the merchants of Richmond. Referred as above.

Mr. Cheves presented the petition of Thomas Princeton praying a remission of certain duties. Referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Lacock from the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to the naturalization law passed at the last session, reported a bill supplementary to an act heretofore passed on the subject of a uniform rule of naturalization, which was twice read and referred to a committee of the whole house.

Mr. Poindexter from the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of granting permission to the people of the Mississippi territory to form a constitution & state government, reported a bill for that purpose, which was twice read and committed to a committee of the whole house for Monday.

The Speaker laid before the house the annual report of the Secretary of the Navy.—Referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Two messages in writing were received from the President of the U. States by Mr. Coles his secretary.

The first message read covered a letter from Mr. Ruffel to Mr. Monroe, detailing the conversation, referred to in his former letter between himself and Lord Castlereagh. This letter is long, and as any attempt on our part to give the substance might possibly not do justice to the writer, we shall forbear, with the promise to lay it before our readers entire as early as possible.

On motion, it was ordered that 5000 copies of this, together with the former message of the President communicating Mr. Ruffel's correspondence, be printed.

The second message covered a letter from the consul general at Algiers, Mr. Lear, detailing the origin and progress of our differences with that Regency.

The house in committee of the whole, Mr. DeSha in the chair, on the following.

#### BILL

Vesting the power of retaliation, in certain cases, in the President of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any citizen of the United States being a prisoner by land or sea to the British government, or who hath been impressed, hath suffered or shall suffer death, mutilation or other corporal punishment, or be imprisoned with unusual severity by any officer, agent, soldier, or Indian, in the service of the British government, the President of the United States shall be and he is hereby empowered & required to cause the most rigorous retaliation to be executed, on any subject, officer, soldier or Indian, in the service or employment of the British government, as shall or may have been captured by the arms of the U. States by land or sea.

Mr. Wright spoke at length in favor of the bill.

Mr. Lacock moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word severity, "contrary to the usages of civilized warfare." Adopted.

The committee then rose, reported the bill and the house ordered it to a third reading to-morrow.

Adjourned.

Thursday, Nov. 19.

Mr. Mitchell presented the memorial of the Highland Turnpike Road Company, of the state of N. York, praying the assistance of Congress towards completing the same. Referred to a select committee of three.

The speaker presented the petition of Arthur Campbell, praying compensation for articles furnished to a general of the United States. Referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Williams, from the committee on military affairs reported a bill to increase the pay of non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, and others, of the army of the U. S. and for other purposes. Read twice

and referred to a committee of the whole for to-morrow.

The house in committee of the whole Breckenridge in the chair, on a bill supplementary to the act relative to letters of prizes and prize goods.

On motion by Mr. Bacon, the foundation was struck out and a new one introduced. The committee then rose and reported the bill as amended, and the house concurred.

Mr. McKim moved to postpone the consideration of the bill till Monday for the purpose of giving time to the committee of ways and means to make that part of the subject referred to them, reducing the duties on prize goods.

Mr. Cheves coincided in opinion with Mr. McKim; he said although he was not disposed to say the report would be ready Monday, yet he could say it would be ready at an early day. The motion was negatived and the bill ordered to a third reading.

An engrossed bill vesting in the President of the United States the power of retaliation in certain cases, was read a third time.

Mr. Talmadge rose, and after some observations tending most fully to prove the bill now about to be passed was wholly necessary, moved to postpone its further consideration till the 1st Monday in February.

Mr. Wright hoped the motion would prevail, and cited certain cases which, in his mind, went to show the propriety and necessity of the law being passed at that time.

Mr. Sawyer followed in favor of the motion and in opposition to the bill; he considered it inexpedient and unnecessary, much as he was of opinion the President or any of the general officers could have the power to retaliate already, the necessity of a special law for that purpose, if they had not, instead of adding to this already amputated body, he would destroy the whole, and build up a new one.

In fact, he believed the law should be amended, would be an unconstitutional one.

Mr. Widgery was opposed to postponement in favor of the bill.

Mr. Calhoun delivered his opinion in opposition to the bill—be considered it as useless, and all useless laws were in their tendency only operating to doubt with respect to the powers of the President as commander in chief of the army where none had heretofore existed.

Mr. Pitkin followed on the same side.

Mr. Johnson opposed the postponement.

Mr. Talmadge withdrew his motion.

The question then recurred on the passage of the bill, the yeas and noes were called, yeas 51, noes 61.

On motion of Mr. Cheves, it was ordered that the committee of ways and means have leave to sit during the sitting of the house to-morrow.

Adjourned.

Friday, Nov. 21.

Mr. Poindexter reported a bill to amend the territorial judges to reside in their respective districts; which was twice read and passed.

INCREASE OF ARMY PAY.—On motion of Mr. Williams the bill resolved itself into committee of the whole. Mr. Nelson in the chair, on the bill for the pay of the non-commissioned officers, privates and others, of the army and for other purposes.

The following is the Bill: "Be it enacted, &c. That from and after the passing of this act, the monthly pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates and others, of the army, shall be as follows: To each sergeant major, dollars; to each sergeant, dollars; to each corporal, dollars; to each private, dollars; to each bombardier, fopper and musician, dollars; to each artificer, faddler, and blacksmith, dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That during the continuance of the war with Great Britain, the President of the United States be and he is hereby empowered & required to cause the most rigorous retaliation to be executed, on any subject, officer, soldier or Indian, in the service or employment of the British government, as shall or may have been captured by the arms of the U. States by land or sea.

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