- her were innocente ficer deprived of his victims, such inconvenient obstacles to the work of blood as courts of justice were to be removed; and military tribunals erected in their place, to ensure dispatels in executing ! summary justice." Martial law night be, proclaimed, but it would and should be abolished and put down by the redeeming spirit in the people-The times were alarming and required additional safeguards for freedom & checks on power instead of dimini. shing those already provided.

Mr. Gaston, merely rose to an-

awer a remark which had been made by a gentleman from Vermont, (Mr. Fisk) and which had not been answered. The gentleman supposed the case of treason being committed out of the jurisdiction of the United States, and he asked where is the law to punish the offender. Sir, said Mr. G. the constitution has given to congress the power to pass laws for the punishment of treason, committed either in the United States or elsewhere, and the only question is, has congress made the provision? By adverting to the first volume of the laws of the U.S. it wilkbe found that one of the first acls congress did was to pass a law punishing creason. In this law, treason committed against the U.S. not within either of the states, is punishable with death, and the place is designated where the offenders shall be tried. Sir, I am as much discosed as my honorable colleague (Mr. Macon) to extend acts of courtesy to members of this house, but I can never consent to refer to any committee, whether we shall punish an offence in a different manner from that which the constitut on prescribes.

The question was then taken by yeas and nays, and determined in the affirmative-Yeas S6, nays 77.

TURREAU'S LETTER.

Mr. Hanson said, he had had the honor a few days ago of submitting two resolutions to the consideration of the house, which they had the politeness to consider. He had not since pressed the subject upon the attention of the house, not because he was not impressed with a due sense of its importance, but because he was content that other business of an urgent nature in the opinion of the majority, should have a preference. It now, however, fully appeared from the proceedings of the day, that the house had leisure to bestow on such subjects, and the interest and magnitude of the question he had agitated, gave it a claim to the earliest and most serious attention of the house.

It would be recollected, the first resolution the house had agreed to consider, called for information from the president, touching our French relations. The second was designed to be the foundation of an enquiry into the existence and character of a very celebrated document, commonly callel and known by the name of Turrean's letter, which had engaged so large a share of public attention during the fall vacation. Mr. H. said, a circumstance unknown to him at the time of offering the resolutions, but which had since transpired, rendered it proper to pursue a different course, from the one first intended, in prosecuting this enquiry.

The speaker enquired whether the gentleman had a motion to submit, as otherwise his remarks would not be in order.

Mr. Hanson said, he held in his hand a resolution which he would presently send to the chair. Unless he were permitted to explain the object of his motion and the motive for introducing it, the reason of the course he proposed taking, would not be understood. The Speaker

requested him to proceed. Mr. H. said, there were two substantial reasons why the resolutions already in possession of the house should be separated, and a motion in a different form substituted to the second, which he proposed to withdraw. In the first place it would be mere ceremony, and of no avail to call on the president to lay before the house a document confessedly not in his possession, or under his controul, the original having been withdrawn, and no traces of it being left on the records of the department to which it belonged, and the only official translation, as Mr. H. was authorised to say, in the hand writing of the chief clerk of that department, being now in his Mr. H's possession. [Here Mr. H. drew from his pocket the document.] I hold it in my hand, said he, having brought it with me to my place, that the house as the grand formation of such a treaty, and when municipal that the house as the grand there is a the ready and when must of the nation might see and there is a should be proper upon active if as should be proper upon active ing on the subject. From this new partment of state, and bow and when the clip and Precincts of Bellimore; it was so withdrawn; and that the bill having been read throughout the bill having been read througho

document was now in his bands, and said committee have power to send he offered to put it in the possession of the house, that it might be anthentfeated, it woold be useless, a mere evasion to send, a committee of the house to the president upon an idle erraud. The president could give but one answer, which it required no foresight to anticipate, to wit: he had no such document to communicare to the house for the best of all possible reasons, because it was taken away from the department of state, and of course was not there, because-t was not there.

It was therefore, said Mg. H. peculiarly proper, if an effectual enquiry was to be conducted to a practical result and decisive issue, that the motion should assume a shape suited to the actual state of the case. If it was not the intention of the house to conduct the enquiry to such an issue, then was it mere show and ceremony to entertain the original motion. By agreeing to consider it in the first instance, a pledge had been impliedly given by the majority to go through with the business, and probe the transaction to the bottom. The Speaker again interrupted.

Mr. H. said, he wished his motive and object to be understood before he withdrew his resolution, which could not be the case, unless he was allowed to explain himself. From what had passed to day, & had been witnessed on other occasions, he could not be mistaken, when he said a practice had now obtained of granting full liberty to the mover of a resolution to introduce it with explanatory remarks. He would again say, that his obj- & was to withdraw a resolution, and offer another in its place. Without the liberty of explaining himself, he could not hope to be understood by the house or the chair .- Mr. H. was permitted to

proceed. He said his second reason for wishing to withdraw his second resolution, was, that it would not comport with the respect due from the house to the chief magistrate of the nation, (a respect which, as one of the house, ne would always pay him) to call up-on him for information, which, if given, would criminate himself, would, in short, amount to self condemnation. He was not bound, nor could be be expected to condemn or criminate himself. This was not expected, nor was it to be desired, as the facts could easily be established in a way more agreeable to established usage, and conformable to parliamentary practice and rule. Mr. H. added, if the statement he made in his place on a former occasion was substantiated, and he would repeat. not unmindful of the responsibility, that he had not a doubt it would be if a committee were appointed with power to send for persons and papers, then it would be seen, then it could but be admitted, that the people had been much wronged, and an awful responsibility attached somewhere.

Mr. II. said, if it devolved upon him to conduct this enquiry, as one of a committee, he should investigate and discuss the subject at all times freely, and he hoped dispassionately, trusting that the house would feel itself equally bound to listen to him with patience, and to ad on the subject with a becoming temperance.

Mr. H. was here opening a discussion of the merits of the resolution, but he suddenly checked himself, observing that he would not a buse the indulgence already extended to him by the chair, by infringing the rule of the house as expounded and understood. He then submitted the following resolutions.

RESOLVED, That the president of the United States be, and he is hereby requested to communicate to this house any information in his possession, and which it may not be improper to divulge, in relation to the omission or refusal of the French government to accredit the minister plenipotentiary sent by the U. States touthat court, or of his reception if accredited, of the time when he was so accredited, and of the progress of his negociation.

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to enquire whether Mr. Turreau, late minister of France, did or did not, on or about the 14th of June, 1807, write a letter to the secretary of state, setting forth the terms and conditions upon which his government would treat of amity and commerce with the U. States, and urging certain complaints against this government, and requiring certain political sacrifices to be made as an indispensable pre-requisite to the

for persons and papers.
The quession was then taken consider the resolution, and determined in the affirmative-yeas 90, nays 69.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, Jan. 11. Mr. Lowndes, a fram the committee on naval affairs, reported a bill further to amend the, act making provision for the families of the off. cers and seamen who should be lost

in private armed vessels of the U. States, which was referred to a committed of the whole on Friday. The house then proceeded to consider the resolutions offered yesterday by Mr. Hanson-and a division of the question being called for by Mr. Calhoun, it was taken upon the first resolution, which was adopted

without a division. Upon the question to agree to the second resolution, an able and animated debate ensued, in which the resolution was supported by Messrs. Hasson, Gaston, Oakley, Grosvenor, Macon and Stockton, and opposed by Messrs. Calhoun, Roberts, Wright, Sharp, Alston and M'Kim. During the debate a motion was made to postpone the consideration until the first of March, which was decided in the negative by yeas and nays .-Yeas 37, nays 127.

A motion was also made by Mr. Bayly, to amend the resolution, by substituting the resolution before offered by Mr. Hanson, which was decided in the negative-7 to 150.

About 4 o'clock the question was taken on the resolution by year and nays, and decided in the negative .-Yeas 60, nays 100.

Adjourned.

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Thursday, Jan. 13. The supprement to the act, entitled, An acl respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? The year and nays being required appeared as follow.

AFFIRMATIVE. Messrs. Plater, Millard, Blackison, Boyer, Jervis Spencer, Blake, Taney, Turner, Stonestreet, Ford, Parnham, Randall, Bennett, Martin, S. Stevens, Bayly, Cottman, Waller, Long, Stewart. Griffith, Tootel, Lecompte, J. R. Evans, Lusby, Hogg, R. Evans, F. M. Hall, Burgess, Wright, Wilson, Quinton, Handy, J. Thomas, J. H. Thomas, Forwood of Wm. Forwood, of Jb. Saulsbury. Potter, Culbreth, Willis, Jones, Kil gour, Crabb, M'Culloh, Robinett, Howard, Browne.—48. NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Dorsey, Sellman, Belt, Wm. Hall, Hands, Harryman, Stansbury, Claude, Davall, Barney, Donaldson, Tilghman, Mason, Kershner, Gabby, Warner-16.

Resolved in the affirmative. The bill to establish a bank, and incorporate a company, under the title of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Salisbury, was read the se-cond time, and the questien put, Shall the said but pass? The year and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Millara, Blakiston, Boyer, Jervis Spencer, Browne, Belt, Stonestreet, Bayly, Cottman, Waller, Long, Stewart, Griffith Too-tel, J. R. Evans, Lusby, Hogg, R. Evans, Burgess, Wright, Handy, Forwood of Wm. Maulsby, Saulsbury, Potter .- 26.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Plater, Hands, Dorsey, Sellman, Wm. Hall, Blake, Taney, Turner, Ford, Parnham, Randall, Warner, Stansbury, Bennett, Marwarner, Stansbury, Bennett, Martin, Jona. Spencer, S. Stevens, Lecompte, F. M. Hall, Somervell, Claude, Duvall, Wilson, J. Thomas, J. H. Thomas, Forwood of Jb. Culbreth, Willis, Barney, Donaldson, Tilghman, Mason, Kershner, Gabby, Jones, Kilgage, Crabb, Hilleans by, Jones, Kilgour, Crabb, Hilleary, Robinett, M'Culloh, Harryman-41.

Determined in the negative. Mr. Sellman delivers a petition from the trustees of the Lancaster School in St. James's Parish in Anne-Arundel county praying a donation rom the state. Read and referred,

Mr. Howard delivers a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorpora e a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of the charters of the

several banks in the city of Balti-more and for other purposes. Read. The house proceeded to the con-

and amended, the question was put, Stall the said bill pass

The year and mays being requir, ed appeared as Tollow.

Measres Doraty, Sellman, Belt, Wm. Hall, Blake, Randall, Harryman, Warner, Sranbury, Bennett, Martin, Jona, Spencer, Samuel, Stevens, Bayly, Waller, Long, Stewart, Griffith, Lecompte, Hogg, Robert Evans, Claude, Duvall, Burgess, Wright, Forwood of Wm. Forwood of fb. Maulsby, Saulsbury, Culareth, Willia, Barney, Donaldson, Tilghman, Mason, Kershner, Gably.

NEGATIVE. Messrs. Plater, Millard, Blakiston, Boyer, Jervis Spencer, Hands, Browne, Taney, Turner, Stonestreet Ford, Paraham, Cottman, Tootel, J. R. Evans, Lusby, Francis M. Hall, Somervill, Wilson, Handy, J. l'homas, Jno. H. Thomas, Potter. Jones, Kilgour, Crabb, Hilleary, Robinett, M'Cullon, Howard .- 30. So it was resolved in the affirma-

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message.
Gentlemen of the house of

delegates, From the business before us we believe the whole may be acted on, and the session brought to a close on the 20th inst. We therefore propose, with the concurrence of your house, to adjourn the legislature on that

By order T. ROGERS, Clk.

Adjourned.

Friday, Jan. 14. On motion by Mr. Long, the ques-

tion was put, That the house reconsider the bill for levying an additi onal tax on property within the city and precincts of Baltimore? Resolved in the affirmative-yeas 41, nays 30.

On motion by Mr. J. H. Thomas. the question was put, That the following be inserted as an additional

section to the bill:

And be it enacted, That the Governor and Council shall appoint five persons of integrity and firmness, not residents of the city of Baltimore, as commissioners under this section, who, after having taken an oath to perform their duty justly and impartially, shall proceed to assess and value the damages sustained by Jane White from the violence of the mob of Baltimore, committed on the house in Charles-street of which she was proprietor, during the riots in the said city in the month of July eighteen hundred and twelve, and shall assess & value the damages sus. tained by Alexander C. Hanson and Jacob Wagner, Esquires, from the violence of the mob aforesaid, in destroying the printing office of the Federal Republican in Gay-street, and their furniture and other property in Charles-street, during the riots in said city in June and July eighteen hundred and twelve; and that the said commissioners shall make return under their hands and seals, of their valuation of damages aforesaid, to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, whose duty it shall be to pay and satisfy the same out of the amount of funds to be raised under the taxes authorised by the federal ticket, as it was styled, this law, before any other application thereof; and in case of the refusal or neglect of the said Mayor and City Council to pay, or cause to be paid, out of the funds so to be raised, the damages aforesaid, to the respective parties entitled to the same, their legal representatives or assigns, in that case the said mayor and members of the said city council shall be liable, in their individual capacities, jointly or severally, to be sued by the respective parties aggrieved, in an action for money had and received, and a recovery may be had against them personally for the damages respectively assessed and valued as aforesaid?

The year and nays being required appeared as follow

AFFIRMATIVE. Messrs. Plater, Millard, Causin, Messrs. Plater, Millard, Causin, Blakiston, Boyer, Jervis Spencer, Hands, Browne, Taney, Torner, Stonestreet, Ford, Parnham, Ro-gerson, Cottman, Waller, Long, Stewart, Griffith, Tootel, Hogg, R. Evans, F. M. Hall, Somervell, Callis, Wilson, Quinton, Handy, J. Thomas, Delaplane, J. H. Thomas, Potter, Jones, Kilgour, Crabb, Hillea-ry, Robinett, M'Culloh, Howard:

MEGATIVE.

Mesers, Dorsey, Sellman, Belt Wm. Hall, Blake, Randall, Harry

of that falleby, Saulabury, Cultivert. Willis, Barney, Dansidson, Tilghendon, Mason, Errahum, Cabby-

Resolved in the allirmative. On mucion by Mr. Donaldson, the question was put, That the lutther consideration of the bill be referred. to the next general assembly? Res solved in the affirmative-year 36, nays 35.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a supplementary act to an act, entitled An act to regulate the inspection of tobact

Mr. Cuibreth delivers a bill to invest Femes Covert with a right of dower in equitable estates. Read. Mr. Mason delivers a supplement

to the act, entitled, An act to prevent excessive gaming. Ruad. The bill to establish a bank, and incorporate a company, under the name of the Farmers and Merchants.

Bank of Caroline, was read the sea cond time and passed. Mr. Dorsey delivers a supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act, to regulate the inspection of Tobacco. Mr. Forwood of Wm. a bill for the preservation of young shad fish in

the river Susquehanna, and Mr. Barney a further additional supplement to the acl, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state. Which were severally read.
Mr. Wilson from the committee

delivers the following report:

The committe of Elections and Privileges, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas H. Bowie, esq. contesting the validity of the late election of delegates for the City of Annapolis-REPORT,

That they have investigated the facts stated in the said memorial, and have taken a number of depositions applicable thereto, which accompany this report, and are submitted as a

part thereof. It appears in evidence to the com-

mittee, that a number of the soldiers of the army of the United States, belonging to the detachment stationed at the fort in the said city, which is the property of the United States, were permitted to vote at the said election; that most of the said soldiers had no claim to residence in the said city, except what arises from the accidental circumstance of their forming a part of the detachment of the United States troops stationed at this post; that exclusive of their want of the voluntary bone fide residence intended by the law and the constitution to entitle to vote, and exclusive of the general objection which occurs to the admission of the votes of soldiers of the United States army, in a place where they may be at any time ordered, for the purpose of gratifying the political views and interests of the executive of the U. States, and his dependants, there are in this case strong circumstances in proof to the committee, of the arbitrary and undue influence practised by the officer commanding the said detachment, in controuling the votes of the said soldiers; that on the day of election they were drawn up in military array at the fort, and were told by the officer, that if any of them intended to vote for the memorialist, Thomas H. Bowie, esquire, or they must step out of the ranks, 101 that no man, who intended so to vote should leave the garrison; and this the soldier who did not vote for what was styled the democratic ticket, would be forsworn, by breaking his oath of allegiance to the U. States, of the president thereof; that the soldiers were afterwards marched up to the polls in military uniform, headed by the officer, who remained at the polls to see that each soldier deposited his ballot, and that they were then marched back in the same miltary order to the fort.

It is annecessary for the committee to urge these considerations which will gocur to every indepen-dent mind in the recital of this proceeding, spentirely subversive of the freedom and purity of elections, and so well calculated in its nature and tendency to establish the dominion, of military usurpation, and corrupt power, on the ruins of public liberty.

It also appears to the committee, that the several acts of assembly changing the system of elections in this state, have not altered; or in any manner affected, the provious of the constitution, and the charles of the city of Annapolis, relative to the time for which the polls were to be kept open in the elections for the sid city; that a number of the legal rotters therein did not vote at the lact lection, because they were under the

mayor, recorder and alderme sald city acting at judges of t of the first day, although all a voters thereof, had not poll although the closing of the si was then positively objected memorialist, by whomist was ed that the polls should be k

privileges submit it for the cation of the House, on the fo statement, whether the said was held agreeably to the the constitution, and whet same should be vacated, and writ of election issue.

By order. Lauis Gassaway

On motion by Mr. Duvall ed, That every member of the be, and is hereby at liber authorized to call for any persons and papers, that in h ment have relation to, or t throw additional light on the of the contested election of t of Annapolis now pending; the Speaker cause the attend such person or papers by is summons in the usual manne Adjourned.

Saturday, Jan. 15. Mr. Callis delivers a bill, An act to incorporate a con make a turnpike road from H. Calvert's Old Mill, lin George's County, to the Dr Columbia. Adjourned till Monday.

Monday, Jan. 17. Mr. Randall delivers a from sundry inhabitants of B county, praying that the say may be divided, and the ty formed. Read and that Mr. Dorsey delivers a bi fray the expences incurred

trial of criminal prosecution ed from one county of this another Read. The supplementary act t entitled, An act to regulat spection of tobacco, was

Shall the said bill pass? Re the affirmative. The clerk of the senate the following message.

second time, and the ques

Gentlemen of the house of delegates, We have received your of the 4th inst. proposing to on this day, directors in the banks on the part of the joint ballot, and are agree with to proceed to the elect have nominated, as directo Union Bank of Maryland, Howard and Charles Carro rollton; for the Mechanics Buttimore, Samuel Sterrett nelius Comegys; for the Co and Farmers Bank of B. James Hindman; for the Bink of Maryland at A Thomas Harris jun. and Worthington; for the Bran Farmers Bank of Marylan ton, Robert L. Nicholls an Kerr jun. for the Hage Bank, Thomas B. Hall and Buchanan; and for the Elkt John Stump, of Caril. M. Williams and Brown are app the senate to join such gent may be named by your house

By order T. ROGERS On motion by Mr. Lecon following message was read greed to.

the ballots and report there

Gentlemen of the senate, We are ready to proces with to the election of Dir the part of the state in the banks mentioned in your m this day. We have nomi the part of this house, for on Bank of Maryland, Ri Heath and Washington I the Mechanica Bank of B Christopher Raborg jun & C lor; for the Commercial & Bank of Baltimore, Edwar for the Farmers Bank of at Annapolis, Thomas I and Daniel Murray; for the Farmers Bank of at Easton, Tench Tilghi the Hager's Town Bank Milhenny and John Harry Elkton Bank, John Frey, on to the genelemen nomice. you. Messrs. Lecompte a ham are appointed by this on the gentlemen named, fount the ballors and repo