

To a resort to constitutional means of redress only, I know that there is such a thing as tyranny as well as oppression. And that there is no government however restricted in its power, that may not, by abuse, under pretext of exercise, of its constitutional authority, drive its unhappy subjects to desperation. Our situation is indeed awful. The members of the union in juxtaposition—held together by no common authority to which men can look up with confidence and respect. Smitten by the charms of Upper Canada, our President has abandoned the several states to shift for themselves as they can. Congress is *felix de se*. In practice, there is found little difference between a government of requisitions on the states, which these disregard, or a government of requisitions on the people, which the governors are afraid to make until the public faith is irretrievably ruined. Congress seems barred by their own favourite act of limitations, for raising supplies; prescription runs against them. But let us not despair of the Commonwealth. Some master spirit will be kindled by the collision of the times, who will breathe his own soul into the councils and armies of the republic; and here indeed is our chief danger. The man who is credulous enough to believe that a constitution, with the skeleton of an establishment of 10,000 men, not 2,000 strong, (such was our army three years ago) is the same as with an army of 60,000 men, may be a very amiable neighbor, but is utterly unfit for a statesman. Already our government is in fact changed. We are becoming a military people, or might more than of any other it would have been said—*fortissimus sua causa militat*. If under such circumstances you ask me what you are to do, should a conscription on the model of Bonaparte be attempted? I will refer you to its reputed projector, Col. Monroe. Ask him what he would have done, whilst governor of Virginia and preparing to resist federal usurpation, had such an attempt been made by Mr. Adams and his ministers; especially in 1800. He can give the answer.

But when you complain of the representation of three-fifths of our slaves, I reply that it is one of the articles of that compact, which I submitted to us for acceptance and to which we reluctantly acceded. Our constitution is an affair of compromise between the states, and this is the master key which unlocks all its difficulties.—If any of the parties to the compact are dissatisfied with their share of influence, it is an affair of amicable discussion, in the mode pointed out by the constitution itself, but no cause for dissolving the confederacy. And when I read and hear the vile stuff against my country printed and uttered on this subject, by firebrands who ought to be quenched for ever, I would remind, not these editors of journals and declaimers at clubs, but their deluded followers, that every word of these libels on the planters of Virginia is as applicable to the Father of his country as to any one among us; that in the same sense that we are "slave holders," and "negro drivers" and "dealers in human flesh," [I must be pardoned for culling a few of their rhetorical flowers] so was he, and whilst they upbraid Virginia with her Jeffersons and her Madisons, they will not always remember to forget that to Virginia they were indebted for a Washington.

I am with the highest respect and regard, dear sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN RANDOLPH,
of Roanoke.

(a) The constitution admits of the suspension of this writ only when invasion of insurrection shall assume such a shape as to make it indispensable. And yet a bill passed the Senate for that purpose, without any official communication from the President of the existence of the one or the other fact, upon which alone it could be bottomed. The honourable Senate sat with closed doors. The yeas and nays were not taken. And no record remains of the names of those who voted against it. If that body was unanimous (as it is believed) in the vote, this omission was well advised.

(b) A Virginian and New-England republican are about as much alike as an English whig and a French democrat.

(c) One of our great complaints against the mother country previous to the declaration of independence, was the repeated rejection, by the crown, of our bills abolishing the slave trade. With our connection with Great Britain that trade ceased. England thus forced upon us, for the benefit of the merchants of Bristol, the very slaves whom we now are troubled with holding, and whom she disciplines for our destruction. Does she forget Jamaica and Barbadoes?

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, JAN. 5, 1815.

LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND. HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Tuesday, Dec. 27.
A sufficient number of members not appearing to form a quorum, the members present adjourned until to-morrow.

Wednesday, Dec. 28.
A quorum not being present, they adjourned until to-morrow.

Thursday, Dec. 29.
PETITIONS.

From Thomas W. Griffith, and Wm. Merryman, of Baltimore, praying further time to complete their collections. From George Grundy, of Baltimore, that the state would relinquish its right to certain land. From Jacob Gibson, of Talbot, that certain expenses by him incurred may be refunded. From sundry inhabitants of the City of Baltimore, that all the public wharves may be placed on the same footing with those of Light-street and Lee-street. From Samuel McClellan and George H. Sechel, of Baltimore, for a special act of insolvency. From sundry inhabitants of Washington county, for the incorporation of a company to make a turnpike road from Swearingen's ferry to Boonsborough. From sundry inhabitants of Harford, for the establishment of a bank at Havre-de-Grace. From Walter Price, of Annapolis, for a support. From Moses McKinsey and Rezin Simpson, revolutionary soldiers. From Marcella O. Welch, of Anne-Arundel, praying a divorce.

A memorial from the Visitors of the Poor of the City of Baltimore, for a law extending the period of female apprenticeship, was read and referred.

Mr. Kell delivers a supplement to the act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the City of Baltimore to Havre-de-Grace.—Mr. Waring a bill authorising the sale of the real property of which Gabriel P. Vanhorn died possessed. Mr. Barney a bill for the relief of Samuel McClellan and George H. Sechel. Mr. Kell a bill authorising the sale of a lot of ground in the city of Baltimore owned by the children of John Sinrock, deceased.—Mr. Barney a supplement to the act to open and extend Queen-street in the city of Baltimore.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill to incorporate a company to make a straight turnpike road from the city of Baltimore to the District of Columbia, towards the city of Washington, passed by the senate Dec. 29; also the bill to repeal part of an act for the relief of the poor of Frederick county, passed at Nov. session 1811, and for other purposes, endorsed, "will not pass"; and the bill to authorise Isaac S. Swearingen, of Washington county, to remove a certain negro boy from Virginia into this state, endorsed, "will pass" Ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Blackstone, Leave given to bring a bill to revive and make valid the proceedings of the orphans court of St. Mary's county.

On motion by Mr. Randall, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act to appoint commissioners to grade and level the several squares, streets, lanes, and allies, in the precincts of Baltimore, west of Jones's Falls. Adjourned.

Friday, Dec. 30.
PETITIONS.

From John Chalmers, sheriff of Baltimore, to be allowed for extra expenses for safe keeping prisoners. From John R. Magruder, of Prince George's, for an extension of the time for delivery of his fees to sheriff. From Zachariah Roberts, of Baltimore, for services as a draughted militia man. From John Cooper, of Baltimore, a revolutionary soldier. From sundry inhabitants of Frederick, for a road from Rice's house to the turnpike. From John Mackall, of St. Mary's, that a certain sum of money should be refunded him. From Aquila Deaver, of Harford, a revolutionary soldier.

From Jonathan Hunn, and others, of the state of Delaware, for the division of certain lands in Worcester county. From sundry inhabitants of Frederick to reduce the number of useless dogs. From sundry inhabitants of Frederick to open a road. From sundry inhabitants of Frederick to prevent the taking of fish in Monocacy with poisoned materials. From Jno. Long, of Harford, an old soldier.

Mr. McMahon delivers a bill to authorise the clerk of Allegany county to record the deed therein mentioned—passed, and sent to the senate. Mr. Barney a bill to revive and continue an act to authorise Wm. Merryman, the sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection. Mr. Duvall a bill for the relief of Walter Price, of the city of Annapolis. Mr. Kell a bill to authorise Thomas W. Griffith, collector of Baltimore county, to continue his collection. Mr. McMahon a bill to reinstate in the county court of Allegany county the proceedings of a case therein mentioned. Mr. Worthington a bill to dissolve the marriage of Marcella Owings Welsh and Samuel Welsh, jr. of Anne-Arundel county. Mr. Kilgour a bill for incorporating the Brookville Academy in Montgomery county—severally read. Mr. Blackstone a bill to revive and make valid the proceedings of the orphans court of St. Mary's county—passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. J. H. Thomas, Leave given to bring in a bill to incorporate Frederick-town, in Frederick county.

The resolution in favour of John Cooper, agreed to, and sent to the senate.

REPORTS.

On the memorial of Jno. N. Watkins, authorising the Executive to remunerate him for making Index.

On the petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery, for the erection of a new tribunal to have the superintendance over public roads—unfavourable. Concurred in.

On the petition of Jno. Cooper—favourable. Read.

On the petition of Jno. D. Jaquet—favourable. Read.

On the petition of Rezin Simpson—favourable.

On the petition of William Niblet—favourable.

On the petition of Moses McKinsey—favourable. Severally concurred in, and resolutions sent to the senate. Adjourned.

Saturday, Dec. 31.
PETITIONS.

From Christopher Cox, and others, to complete the collections of Philemon C. Blake former sheriff of Queen-Anne's. From John A. Zollickoffer, of Baltimore, for a special act of insolvency. From Barnet Kramer, for a divorce. From Joseph Clewly, of Montgomery, an old soldier. From sundry inhabitants of Talbot, Caroline, & Queen Anne's to levy money to repair Tuckahoe bridge. From David Lee, of Harford, to have a certain deed recorded. From John Randall, of Baltimore, for a special act of insolvency. From Joshua Meekins, of Dorchester, for the alteration of a road. From Jas. Wood, of Harford, that his account against the state may be liquidated. From Mary Crane, of Frederick, for a divorce. From Jacob Morris, jr. and others, of Somerset, to remunerate said Morris for making a road. From Zephaniah Waters, of Charles, for a lottery to erect a carding, spinning and fulling machine. From Robert McGill, of Baltimore, for a special act of insolvency.

The bill for the relief of Samuel McClellan and George H. Sechel; the bill to confirm and make valid the last will of Wm. McCreey; a further supplement to the act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Elkton to Christiana bridge; the bill incorporating the Brookville academy; and the bill for the relief of sundry naturalized citizens, were severally passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Duvall, Ordered, That the honourable the Executive Council be and they are hereby requested to lay before this house their proceedings touching the appointment of armourers, likewise the accounts and claims of the said armourers, together with reports of the present situations of the several armourers of this state, to whom arms have been delivered, how many, and of what kind, and how many, and of what kind, remain in store.

The clerk of the senate delivers a further supplement to the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, chapter twenty seven, to establish a bank, and incorporate the subscribers thereto; endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And a bill to incorporate the Franklin Manufacturing Company of Maryland, passed by the senate, December 31; Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Hambleton, the following preamble and resolution were read:

Whereas, it has always been considered, not only a generous, but a wise policy in all free governments, to evince in the most pointed manner their high sense of the gallantry and good conduct of such of their citizens as have devoted their time and talents to the public good; And whereas, Col. Philip Reed did, on the thirtieth day of August last, in a masterly and heroic manner, with an inferior force, composed of militia, defeat and repel a marauding party of the enemy in Kent county, killing their leader, Sir Peter Parker, and fourteen of his men, and wounding a number of others, thereby evincing to the enemy and the world, that the arms of freemen, when used in defence of their liberties, their wives, their children, and their fire sides, are invincible; and also thereby evincing to his countrymen, that the same statesman who, in his legislative capacity of Senator from Maryland, voted against the declaration of war, was the patriot and hero who was amongst the foremost, in his military capacity, to step forward and repel an invading foe, when polluting the sovereignty of our soil by their unhallored tread; therefore,

Resolved, That the governor of this state be and he is hereby requested, to address, in the name of the state of Maryland, a letter to Col. Philip Reed, of Kent county, expressive of the very high sense entertained of the intrepidity, gallantry, and good conduct of him, and his brave associates, in repelling the enemy in his attack on the militia of Kent county on the 30th day of August last, and driving him with confusion and loss to his shipping. Adjourned.

Monday, Jan. 2.

PETITIONS.

From Susan Richardson, of Caroline, for recording a certain deed. From Elijah Prewitt, of Worcester, for a divorce. From Jonathan Manro, and others, counter to that of Isaac M-Pherson, and others. From Ann Holidayoak, of Annapolis, for a support. From Samuel Wadsworth, of Frederick, for a special act of insolvency. From sundry inhabitants of Frederick, for a road. From William Kelly, of Caroline, for a support.

The bill authorising the sale of the real estate of which Gabriel P. Vanhorn died possessed; the bill authorising the sale of a lot of ground in the city of Baltimore, owned by the children of John Sherlock, deceased; the bill to revive and continue an act authorising Wm. Merryman, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection; the bill to authorise Thos. W. Griffith, collector of Baltimore county, to continue his collection; the bill for the relief of Walter Price; the bill for the relief of Ann Holidayoak; the bill to lay out and make public a road therein mentioned in Cecil county, and the bill to reinstate in the county court of Allegany county the proceedings of a case therein mentioned, were severally passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Howard delivers an unfavourable report on the petition of Mary Crane. Concurred in.

Mr. Stonestreet a favourable report on the petition of Charles Garner.

Mr. Bradford a favourable report on the petition of Aquila Deaver.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill authorising the executive of this state to provide for the meeting of the general assembly, and for the removal and transfer of the public records and offices in certain emergencies, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read. The bill to change the place of holding the election in the third election district in Caroline county, endorsed, "will not pass." The bill to revive and make valid the proceedings of the orphans court of St. Mary's county, and the bill to incorporate the Baltimore Beneficial Society, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also a bill for the relief of Joshua Hicks and Ephraim Buckingham, of Baltimore county, and a bill relating to St. Paul's Lane in the city Baltimore, and for other purposes, severally passed by the senate, Jan. 2d. The bill for incorporating the Brookville Academy in Montgomery county, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill supplementary to an act to establish a bank, and incorporate a company, under the title of the Bank of Somerset, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were read.

On motion by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the following preamble and resolution were read:

By the House of Delegates of Maryland, Jan. 2d, 1815.

AMIDST the impending sufferings and multiplied disorders of war, brought upon the American people by their misplaced and abused confidence in the wisdom and virtue of their rulers, there has been no evil of a more alarming and fatal tenacity in the contemplation of this house, than the inordinate grasp for power, and undisciplined spirit of encroachment on the sovereign rights of the states, and the personal liberties of the citizen, so repeatedly and unequivocally manifested in the acts of the general government.

Under this impression, and in the maintenance of those rights and principles, it was considered as a prompt and paramount duty on the part of this house to evince a faithful and firm determination of purpose, the moment that intelligence was recently received of the progress of a bill in both branches of the national legislature, whose palpable object it was to convert the free militia of these United States into trained bands and cohorts of an odious despotic force. This decision was rendered, the more judicious, by a view of the gross sophistry, and arbitrary pretensions, promulgated in the report of the Secretary of War, at the commencement of the session, designed to reconcile the repugnant sentiment of the free people of the land, to the principle of the several schemes and projects of invasion of their birth-rights and liberties, as suggested in that report, for the acquiescence of congress.

To the sensibility of this house, seriously awakened by the threatened pressure of a system, so immediately calculated to make "confusion worse confounded," and to produce a direct collision of authority between the national government and the sovereignty of the individual state, it is therefore a matter of lively gratification to learn that the passage of the proposed bill has been eventually arrested in the senate of the United States; and the gratification is enhanced by the circumstance, that this happy issue has been effected, by the instance of an illustrious statesman and jurist, whose opinion, worthy as it is on all subjects of the most attentive consideration, is entitled to peculiar regard on any question touching a reconstruction of the powers imparted by the federal constitution, because it is the opinion of a surviving member of the convention of sages and patriots, by whom that constitution was planned, and originally recommended for adoption.

Wherefore, in order more fully to display the solemn interest which the occasion has inspired throughout the community of this state, and more especially for the purpose of rendering just need of public applause for eminent service in the defence of public liberty.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this House, in behalf of the Freemen of Maryland, be and they are hereby presented to the Honourable Rufus King of the Senate of the United States, for the reasonable and successful interpretation of his experienced wisdom and elevated influence of character, in averting the meditated operation of an insidious, hostile to the immunities of constitutional freedom, offensive to the genius of independence, and fraught with consequences baleful and appalling to the social order, tranquillity and well-being of this united republic.

And this House would accompany the respectful tribute, which is thus specially offered, with a general expression of the grateful sense which it also entertains of the distinguished merit of the other members of the minority, who steadfastly and ably co-operated, at every renewal of the struggle, in both branches of Congress, in combating against the insidious introduction of an authoritative conscript establishment, more specious in the form of its approach, but not essentially different from that, whose intense oppression is just vanished from the continent of Europe, with its guilty author, the blood-stained usurper of France.

ORDERED, That the Honourable the Speaker of this House be requested to transmit to the Honourable Rufus King an authenticated copy of the present proceeding.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, Jan. 3.

PETITIONS.

From John C. Thomas, counter to that of Edward Norwood, of Frederick, for the sale of certain lands. From Richard Allen and wife, of Anne-Arundel, for support. From the president and directors of the Baltimore and Washington turnpike company, for a bridge, at or near Norwood's ferry. From sundry inhabitants of Washington, for a road. From the trustees of the Union Academy of St. Hill, for a new charter, and the repeal of the present one. From William Potter, of Caroline, to be remunerated for expenses in transporting and maintaining British debtors. From John Gasaway, late captain in the revolutionary army, for the appointment of an act to incorporate a company to make a road from the city of Havre-de-Grace, to Queen-street in the city of Baltimore; the bill to incorporate the Franklin Manufacturing Company of Maryland, and the relief of sundry naturalized citizens, and for other purposes mentioned in Allegany county. Mr. Taney delivers a memorial from the trustees of the levy of Frederick, to erect a new general government. The report on the petition of Trustees of St. Peter's Free School, was read the second time, and the resolution thereon, was again assented to. The clerk of the senate delivers a bill to authorise the clerk of Allegany county, to record the deed therein mentioned, and the relief of sundry naturalized citizens, and for other purposes mentioned in Allegany county. Mr. Taney delivers a memorial from the trustees of the levy of Frederick, to erect a new general government. The report on the petition of Trustees of St. Peter's Free School, was read the second time, and the resolution thereon, was again assented to.

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The committee to whom referred the order directing the purchase or making sale of the stores or store house near Frederick in Frederick county, and the order to enquire into the expediency of purchasing in Queen-Anne's, exposed counties, arsenals, train arms and necessary munitions for the militia, have submitted into consideration a report that in their opinion it is expedient and necessary to erect buildings and depots for arms and munitions of war; they submit to the house the following resolution:

Resolved, That the governor be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, one magazine to be erected in this state, in such places as they shall deem convenient for such purpose, that the treasurer of the state be and he is hereby authorized to pay to the order of the governor any sum necessary to carry the same into effect. Adjourned.

Little has yet been done by the legislature, calculated to excite the public attention. On Monday last a bill was introduced into the House of Delegates, expressive of the sense entertained by that body, as well as the freemen of the state, on the great and important question, rendered this nation by the late King, of the Senate of the United States, in opposing the conscription Bill. The success of the efforts of this illustrious patriot, in opposition to a conscription, filling the ranks of the army, to every principle of republican constitution, ought to awake the American people the liveliest sympathy.

Washington, Jan. 2. The National Bank Bill. The question on the final passage of the bill from the Senate, to incorporate a National Bank, was taken in the House of Representatives, late hour yesterday, and resulted in the negative.

The call of the roll gave a majority in favor of the bill, which was laid by the vote of the speaker, and the bill thus lost a federal member, and about eighty-one republican votes.

Perhaps no more ever than the House of Congress, more singular aspect of deeper interest. Many favor of the bill, and more obtained from voting at large, until this session, approved such institutions; and their scruples to what they deemed necessary, the exigency of their country. On the other hand, a still greater number of those who voted against the bill, have no scruple of either deemed the bill unadvisable in its details, or whom was the Speaker of the House of Representatives.