

trustees of the poor of Queen-Anne's, for an additional levy. From sundry inhabitants of Allegany, to repair the roads in said county. From the rector and vestry of St. John's parish, in Harford and Baltimore, for the sale of certain lands. From Basil Burgess, of Kentucky, a revolutionary soldier. From Mary E. Berrett, of Baltimore, for annulling certain deeds. Severally referred.

The bill to lay out a road near Peter Hoffman's mill, and the bill for the relief of Mary Wyatt, were passed and sent to senate.

On motion of Mr. Houston, Leave given to bring in a bill for a lottery to establish schools in the several counties.

Mr. Blackstone delivers a bill authorizing a lottery to repair the churches in King and Queen parishes, in St. Mary's.—Read. Mr. Kell a bill to provide for repairing the jail in Baltimore county—twice read, passed, and sent to senate.

The reports in favour of Benjamin Young, and Kensey Harrison, were concurred in, and sent to senate.

The bill annulling the marriage of Samuel Taylor, jun. was passed and sent to senate.

On motion of Mr. Hands, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate divorces.

Mr. Kell delivers a resolution authorizing the governor and council to loan to Lt. Col. Heath seventy-five stand of rifles, &c. twice read, assented to, and sent to senate.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a report favourable to the petition of Walter Dyer. Read.

The bill annulling the marriage of Isaac and Maria Dawson, was read the second time and will not pass.

Mr. Williams delivers a bill authorizing a lottery for the purpose of completing a school-house and purchasing church-bells, in the town of Boonsboro. Read.

The supplement to the act to incorporate the Franklin Manufacturing Company of Maryland, and the bill to enable Robert Gorsuch to complete his collection, were passed and sent to senate.

On motion of Mr. Rd. Watts, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate justices and constables fees in criminal process, in Montgomery county.

Mr. Lecompte delivers a bill authorizing the sale of a tract of land in Dorchester, owned by the children of Wm. M. Robertson, deceased. Mr. Duvall a bill for the valuation of real and personal property in Anne-Arundel and Somerset counties. Mr. St. Julian a bill authorizing Ariana Hall to remove a certain negro from New Orleans to this state. Mr. Bradford a bill for the relief of James Lee Morgan. Severally read.

On motion of Mr. Kell. Leave given to bring in a bill relating to the collection of public taxes, in Baltimore county.

The bill to incorporate the Independent Manufacturing Company of Baltimore, was passed and sent to senate.

On motion of Mr. Rd. Watts, Leave given to bring in a bill to empower the justices of the peace to compel retailers of liquors without permits or license, during the recess of the courts, to enter into recognizance for their appearance at the next county court.

Adjourned.

Friday, Dec. 13.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a memorial from Sarah Easton and Dorothy Storer, daughters of Robert H. Harrison, deceased, for compensation for services rendered by him during the revolutionary war. Referred.

PETITIONS.

From sundry inhabitants of Upper Marlboro', for an act of incorporation, also for a certain road to be made public; also for the establishment of a Bank in said town; also for an additional election district. From Matthew Murray, sheriff of Baltimore, for relief for supporting insolvent debtors. From sundry inhabitants of Worcester, for a road. From Jacob Morris, jun. of Somerset, to be paid for completing a road. From Daniel Rouse, of Frederick, to make a deed or deeds of conveyance. From Robert Gaddener, of Queen-Anne's, for a deed of conveyance for a tract of land. From Martha Graham, of Frederick, for a divorce. From the Philanthropic Society of Upper Marlboro', for an act of incorporation, also for a lottery. From the trustees of the West River Lancaster School, for an annual donation.

From sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's, for a Bank in Centreville. Severally referred.

Mr. Roberts delivers a bill for draining Unicorn Branch on Chester river. Mr. W. Stewart a bill to incorporate the Union Beneficial Society of Baltimore. Severally read.

On motion of Mr. R. Watts, leave given to bring in a bill vesting in the levy courts the power of opening straightening and amending, the public roads in the several counties.

On motion by Mr. Handy, leave given to bring in a supplement to the act for the benefit of the heirs of John Stevens, deceased.

On motion of Mr. Stoddert the following order was read and adopted.

Ordered, That so much of the executive communication as relates to the appropriation made by a former resolution of the general assembly for defraying the expense of collecting the public arms, be referred to a committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Stoddert, Quinton, H. Hall, Pitt and Ridgely.

That so much of the communication as relates to the claim of J. Joseph Henry, be referred to a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Potts, Bowles and A. D. Mitchell.

That so much of the communication as relates to sundry resolutions from the states of Massachusetts, Ohio, Rhode-Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Tennessee, be referred to a committee of seven, consisting of Messrs. Lecompte, Harrison, Whittington, F. M. Hall, Hager, Scott and Houston.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the claims of the state against individuals, and the expediency of appointing an officer for the purpose of collecting or otherwise securing the same, be referred to a committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Hambleton, Dennis, Schnebly, Lanham and Hands.

That so much of the said communication as relates to the revision and amendment of the militia laws, be referred to a committee of seven, consisting of Messrs. Cousin, Williams, Dennis, Ringgold, Blackston, W. Stewart and Posey, and that the said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Stoddert, the following message was agreed to and sent to the senate.

Gentlemen of the Senate.

We sent you a message on Tuesday proposing to supply the vacancy in our representation in the Senate of the United States, produced by the resignation of Mr. Harper, to which no answer has been made by your honourable body. We therefore respectfully urge the propriety of proceeding to this election today at one o'clock. As congress is now in session, and the interests of Maryland might probably be better secured, or more highly promoted, by a full representation in that body. Mr. Alexander C. Hanson and Mr. William H. Winder are put in nomination by this house.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the benefit of John Shick; the bill for the benefit of Alexander Moore; the bill for the benefit of Thomas Moore; the bill to provide for repairing the jail in Baltimore county; the bill to change the place of holding elections in the third election district in Carolina, and the bill for the relief of Mary Wyatt, severally endorsed "will pass." The bill to incorporate the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Maryland—passed with an amendment—agreed to. The supplement to the act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Boonsborough to Swearingen's ferry, endorsed "will not pass." The resolution authorizing the loan of rifles, "assented to."

Mr. Kell delivers a bill relating to the collection of the public taxes in Baltimore county—twice read, passed, and sent to senate.

Mr. Bradford delivers a bill to confirm the title of James and John Alexander to certain lands. Read.

On motion of Mr. Hambleton, leave given to bring in a bill concerning field-officers of the militia of the state of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Cousin, leave given to bring in a bill to alter such part of the constitution as relates to the mode of appointing Auditors to the state.

Adjourned.

Saturday, Dec. 14.

Mr. Wm. Stewart delivers a bill securing to mechanics, and others,

payment for their labour and materials in erecting any building within the city & precincts of Baltimore. Read.

Mr. Dennis a bill for the relief of Jacob Morris, jun.—twice read, passed, and sent to senate.

Mr. Posey delivers a report favorable to the petition of Jane White. Read.

M. Potts delivers a supplement to an act for the erection of a new court-house in Hager's town; and an additional supplement to the act for the relief of the poor in Washington county—severally read.

On motion of Mr. Washington, Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of recommending to the general government the adoption of such measures as to them may seem most advisable, to prevent, or limit, the exportation of grain, in consequence of the general failure of fall crops, the distresses of the poor, & scarcity to be apprehended the ensuing Spring; the committee to consist of five members, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Messrs. Washington, Stoddert, Somerich, Thomas and Quinton, were appointed the committee.

PETITIONS.

From sundry inhabitants of Harford, for a public road. From Elisha Harris, to make valid a deed. From sundry inhabitants of the north and south branches of Potomac, for a lottery. From Samuel Frazier and Wm. Nebbet, of Harford, revolutionary soldiers. From Elisha Brown, of Anne-Arundel, a militia captain, to be compensated for services rendered in the late war. From sundry inhabitants of Talbot, for relief relative to the practice of kidnapping free negroes.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message: Gent. of the Ho. of Del.

We have received your message proposing to go into an appointment of a senator to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Mr. Harper. The senate, in postponing the proposed election, have been actuated only with a view to the public good; aware of the high and responsible situation of an United States senator, they are anxious that the public expression should be as general as possible, and their body not being full, several members having left the senate under the impression that no election would take place this week, for these reasons the senate decline, for the present, going into an appointment, but propose, with the concurrence of your body, to make the appointment on Wednesday next, at one o'clock.

The bill for the valuation of real and personal property, in Anne-Arundel and Somerset counties, after having inserted "Talbot county," was read the second time, passed and sent to senate.

Mr. W. Stewart delivers an additional supplement to the act respecting a monument or statue to the memory of Washington. Mr. Long a bill for the encouragement of internal improvement—severally read.

On motion of Mr. Stoddert, leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act relating to negroes.

On motion of Mr. Potts, a message was sent to the senate agreeing to their proposition of electing a Senator of the U. S. on Wednesday next.

Mr. Harrison delivers a bill to establish a Bank and incorporate a company under the name of The Centreville Bank of Maryland. Mr. Stoddert a bill to appoint an agent to settle the claims of this state with the government of the U. S. Severally read.

Mr. Stoddert delivers the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of appointing an agent to the state to adjust and liquidate the claims thereof, with and against the United States; would beg leave further to submit the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption to the house.

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in the Congress of the United States be requested to co-operate (as far as their influence in the national government extends) with the agent to the state; so as to produce a speedy and satisfactory liquidation of the claims of Maryland with and against the United States.

Resolved, That the Governor be instructed to communicate a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, and notification of the appointment of the agent, immediately

ly on the appointment being made. Read. Adjourned.

Monday, Dec. 16.

Mr. John J. Jenkins, a delegate from Charles county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. Kell delivers a memorial from Luther Martin, chief justice of the court of oyer and terminer of Baltimore county, for an addition to his salary. Referred.

PETITIONS.

From John Murray, of Baltimore, for relief relative to certain defects in the law for the extension of Aisquith-street. From sundry inhabitants of Dorchester, for the establishment of a bank in Cambridge. From sundry inhabitants of Allegany, for additional election districts. From Abraham Hooper, of Harford, a revolutionary soldier. From Anne Meade, of Annapolis, for a support for two female children of Vachel Johnson. A memorial from Colin Mackenzie and James Smyth, attending physicians to the Hospital in the vicinity of Baltimore, for legislative aid. Severally referred.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the Treasurer of the W. S. covering letters from William Cooke, esq., president of the Bank of Maryland, and Henry H. Harwood, esq., president of the Farmers Bank of Maryland, for payment of the loans made by said Banks to the state. Read.

Mr. Quinton delivers a report favourable to the petition of William Niblet—twice read and concurred in.

Mr. Bradford a report favourable to the petition of Samuel Frazier. Read.

The report in favour of the trustees of the Union Lancasterian School in Frederick county, was read the second time, and the question put, that the house assent to the resolution contained therein? Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Stoddert, the following preamble and resolutions were read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
December 16, 1816.

As the Representatives of the Freeman of Maryland, we deem it our sacred duty to contribute our utmost efforts to stem the tide of public corruption, and to arrest the progress of guilty and audacious ambition. Holding it as an incontrovertible truth, consecrated by the wisdom of ages, and rendered impressive by the solemn experience of other nations, that the purity and freedom of elections are the seminal and vital principles of genuine republicanism; and that as the vigour and vigor of these principles decline, in the same ratio the stability and growth of political prosperity and happiness decay: And viewing with honest indignation, and painful sensibility, the open and daring violation of those fundamental principles of our government, in the virtual substitution of appointment, by a congressional caucus, in the place of a free and unbiased choice by the people, of a President; and believing that there exists among the people of the United States that incorruptible integrity and enlightened perception, which alone are able to redeem our happy constitution from the abuses of venality and corruption; and to rescue our liberties from the grasp of lawless power; and being fully impressed with the conviction, that the time has arrived when this redeeming power must be exercised, or our great charter of national rights rendered a mere budget of deceitful promises and empty assurances; and trusting that public sentiment, the great and salutary corrective of public vices in a free government, will exert its wholesome influence over that "canoe-bomb of living death," a Presidential caucus;—

Therefore,

Resolved, That the new mode of disposing of the chief magistracy of our country, by a portion of the members of congress, is unconstitutional, venal and corrupt; because it changes in effect the nature of our government, by transmitting it into an oligarchy; and because it robs the people of their dearest and most invaluable privilege, by feloniously transferring to a few individuals, what of right belongs to every free citizen of the country. That we view such a proceeding as an open outrage on decency, and a wanton insult of our feelings and understandings; and

that we regard it as the solemn duty of every good citizen, to use all constitutional means to crush this new-born monster of political corruption.

Resolved, That we highly approve of the conduct of those electors of this state who nobly discharged a part in that great national effort, of electing where no election was to be made, and of voting when nothing remained to be decided.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY,
On motion of Mr. Griffith, leave given to bring in a bill to repeal that part of the constitution as relates to the division of Dorchester county into three separate election districts.

On motion of Mr. Jenkins, leave given to bring in a bill to alter an amendment to the constitution of such persons as will undertake to build water mills.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill relating to the collection of the public taxes in Baltimore county, endorsed, "will pass." The bill for the relief of Jacob Morris—passed with amendments—which were agreed to. The bill for appointing a printer to the state, endorsed "will not pass." And a bill to repeal and annul an act authorizing a lottery for cutting a canal from the head of Blackwater river to the head of Parsons creek, in Dorchester county—passed by the senate.—Read.

The bill annulling the marriage of Barney Deane and Catherine Deane, and confirming the marriage of Barney Deane and Elizabeth Freshour, and William Mannaca and Catherine Deane, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely, leave given to bring in a supplement to an act to prevent the unlawful cutting and carrying away of wood and timber.

Mr. Griffith delivers a bill to repeal that part of the constitution which relates to the division of Dorchester county into election districts. Read.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, Dec. 17.

PETITIONS.

From Mountjoy Bayly, a revolutionary officer. From sundry inhabitants of the eastern shore, relative to kidnapping free negroes. Memorials from the grand jury of Baltimore county, and the Society of Friends, also a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore relative to kidnapping free persons. From sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, to open Addison-street. From Amelia Booth, for a divorce. From John Bioren, Wm. J. Duane and Roger C. Weightman, to furnish the state with the laws of the U. S. From the levy court of Calvert, to borrow a sum of money for the purpose of building a new court-house. From the heirs of John Jones, for the sale of his real estate. From Job Smith, and others, of Baltimore, for the extension of Pine-street. From Robert Casey and wife, to complete the trust in a certain indenture. From sundry inhabitants of Harford, to straighten and amend a certain road. From Wm. Fleming and Joseph W. Heath, of Somerset, for the execution of a certain deed. From Isaac Harris, Josiah W. Heath, and Wm. Coston, of Somerset, for the execution of a certain deed. From Josiah W. Heath, to make valid a certain deed. From Christopher Hughes, of Baltimore, for filling up Quay-street, and open Hughes-street. From sundry inhabitants of Harford, for certain alterations in the law for the relief of the poor of said county. From Ruth Sewell and Thomas Cadle, of Anne-Arundel, for a support. From Charles Thompson, of St. Mary's, a revolutionary soldier. From Amelia Maddox, for a divorce. Severally referred.

On motion of Mr. Lecompte, the following order was read and adopted.

Ordered, That Messrs. Lecompte, Bowles, Hambleton, Harrison and Dennis, be a committee to report what measures, if any, are proper to be adopted in relation to the deficiency of state funds, which appears in the report of the committee of claims, and also to examine and report the amount of loans received by the Treasurer of the W. S. under the authority of the Legislature, which became due in 1817; and in what manner the same can be settled.

Ordered, That the letters from the Presidents of the Bank of Baltimore, and Farmer's Bank of Maryland, be referred to the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Cousin, leave given to bring in a supplement to an act to prohibit the emigration of free negroes into the state.

Mr. Washington delivers the following report:

THE COMMITTEE.

To whom was referred the communication of the expediency of recommending to the General Government, the adoption of measures to prevent or limit the exportation of grain, having daily considered the name, ask leave to report in favour of the measure, under the belief that the public good will be promoted thereby; and that it is essential to the comfort and welfare of the great mass of our population, it being seriously apprehended, that if the present scarcity of grain, and consequent distress, will be experienced (before the crops of the ensuing spring will be in market) the consequence of the general failure of the corn crops in this and the adjacent states, the large consumption of flour and grain, and the consequent increase in distillation of rum, the probability of the ports of England being opened, for the exportation of grain, will offer inducements to speculators, who it is believed will be the only class of men who will suffer inconviniently, men whose cupidity lead them to disregard the misfortunes of their fellow-citizens. It can have no permanent or injurious effect in restraining or limiting commercial enterprise, neither can it paralyze the arm of industry, as it is believed that there is not a larger quantity of grain for sale, than will be required for home consumption, and that consequently the present high prices will continue. The general complaints of the scarcity of this necessary of life, call aloud for legislative interference to alleviate the public suffering, or at least prevent the further growth of the evil. This step is dictated by the most liberal and disinterested policy. Your committee would respectfully suggest here, that though judiciously to restrictive measures, tending to crush the genius of commerce and impoverish our country, yet as a measure of necessity, protecting our citizens from the horrors attending the absolute want of the necessities of life, they deem such measures expedient and proper. Under these considerations they have influenced in submitting the following resolutions:

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law prohibiting or limiting the exportation of bread stuffs during the ensuing year, for such length of time as may be most advisable.

Resolved, That the Honourable the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, cause copies of the above resolution to be made out and signed by the President on behalf of the Senate, and by the Speaker on behalf of the House of Delegates, and forwarded to the members of Congress from this state.

By order,

SAMUEL FOUNTAIN, Clk.

Read.

On motion of Mr. Hands, leave given to bring in a bill to provide for the revision and modification of the laws of Maryland.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to release the right of the state to a part of a tract of land therein mentioned; the bill to incorporate the Independent Manufacturing Company of Baltimore; and the bill to complete the records of the orphan court of Frederick, endorsed "will pass." The supplement to the act to make a turnpike road from Westminster to Hagerstown—passed with an amendment—agreed to by the house. The bill for the re-valuation of real and personal property in Anne-Arundel, Talbot, and Somerset counties—passed with amendments—agreed to by the house. And a supplement to the act for opening a road leading to Cumberland, and for other purposes—passed by the senate.

Adjourned.

From the New York Mercantile Advertiser, Dec. 11.

On the 13th of November we published in this paper, an account of a respectable gentleman, who appeared as it was a fact, that a young woman, decently dressed, had rudely and feloniously snatched a black child for a white one, and fresh hold in this state, and who had completely effected her escape. We considered it an act of singular atrocity, and we gave it that title. Yesterday morning a mail we received the subject of the "To the."

"GENTLEMEN OF THE STATES." Your paper, I find, appears to leave a blank for a black hood of party of October white one; the "house" has been made purpose. On a white brought as to their than her she came been five she had Baltimore; that she more; and Unders had to. On a white place above and Nancy H. was in only she observed she had that there had in search she acknowledged. On my next day and saw had not eight year of her ut child, in to the firm ment, a New-Baltimore have. "You given that they a full certificate that this son, I have above justice was and offend I am with Phila. MARRIED. Annapp Alexa yesterday; both hou tor of the G. Harp votes were A. C. Gen. M. The delegates. The Senate of tion of Howard. Thee Hair Dr the ist in a razor. The perple is not known. Married by the William Miss Coe George. On long and regretted tives and BAM, M. near the BALDW. Died Creek, coun Marysa Parker. In the continu best m and only fo reap.