

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

Annapolis, Thursday, Jan. 9.

The two vessels which sailed from England in March last, under the command of J. H. Tuckey, esq., for the purpose of exploring the River Congo, and gaining, if possible, the interior of Africa, have arrived at St. Salvadore from the African coast; the enterprise having been frustrated, and for the present abandoned.

By the arrival at Newport of the brig Cfaunbey, from Gibraltar, late intelligence from our squadron in the Mediterranean has been received. On board this vessel came Mr. Tilghman, of Philadelphia, bearer of despatches from Mr. Shaler and Commodore Chauncey, to government.

The American officers, who came home in this vessel, state that the Dey of Algiers has positively refused to acknowledge the treaty which he formerly entered into with Commodore Decatur, and that the fortifications of Algiers have been repaired and made much more formidable than before the late attack of Lord Exmouth.

For the Maryland Gazette.

Since the abolition of the general court, and the distribution of its jurisdiction amongst the several county courts, the necessity or fitness of the office of Attorney General has been doubted by all who have reflected on the subject, and the dignity of that office has entirely vanished. There are now, in fact, no peculiar duties for the great law officer; he cannot attend all the county courts, wherein his powers are diffused, and there is no official duty prescribed to him, which, under the present system, his deputies ought not to be equally capable of discharging.

It is to provide for the appointment of Attorneys for the State, in the several Courts thereof, and to alter and change such parts of the Constitution and form of Government as relate to the Attorney-General.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for the purposes of this act, this State shall be divided into eight districts, in manner and form following, to wit: St. Mary's, Charles and Prince-George's counties shall be the first district; Calvert, Anne-Arundel and Montgomery counties shall be the second district; Frederick, Washington and Allegany counties shall be the third district; Baltimore county and Baltimore City shall be the fourth district; Harford and Cecil counties shall be the fifth district; Kent and Queen-Anne's counties shall be the sixth district; Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester counties shall be the seventh district; Somerset and Worcester counties shall be the eighth district; and there shall be appointed for each of the said districts a fit person, learned in the law, and resident of the State at the time of his appointment, who shall be styled State's Attorney for such district, whose duty it shall be to prosecute, in behalf of the State, in the several county courts holden within his

district, and, in the said fourth district, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery for Baltimore county, all delinquents for all penalties, forfeitures, crimes and offences, cognizable under the authority and laws of this state, in the same manner and form as they are now prosecuted by the Attorney-General and his deputies; and also to prosecute and defend all civil actions or bills in which the State shall be concerned, in the several county courts of his district. And the State's Attorneys, so as aforesaid appointed, shall have, hold, exercise and perform, in the said several courts within their respective districts, all and every the duties, powers and authorities, which the Attorney-General and his deputies now have, use, exercise and perform, and which shall hereafter be prescribed by law; and the said State's Attorneys, so appointed, shall, respectively, hold their offices during good behaviour, removable only for misbehaviour, on conviction in a court of law.

2. And be it further enacted, That in all bills suits or actions pending, brought or to be brought in the High Court of Chancery or in the Court of Appeals for the Western or Eastern Shore, by or against the State, the State's Attorney for the district, within which the courts, wherein the same are pending or shall be brought or instituted shall be holden, shall prosecute or defend, in behalf of the State, in the same manner and form as the Attorney General now doth, or by law ought to prosecute or defend the same, and shall have, hold, exercise and perform, in the said High Court of Chancery or Court of Appeals, as the case may be, in respect to any such bills, suits or actions, all and every the duties, powers and authorities, which the Attorney General now doth by law hold, exercise and perform, to all intents and purposes.

3. And be it further enacted, That each of the said State's Attorneys, in case of his absence or inability to attend at any term of a court within his district, shall have power and authority, by any instrument of writing under his hand and seal, to appoint some practising Attorney at law as his deputy for the time being.

4. And be it further enacted, That the said State's Attorneys, respectively, shall have, receive and take the same fees, which the Attorney General and his deputies have used and are now authorized to take, according to law, and shall and may, in like manner, collect the same.

5. And be it further enacted, That the form of commissions that shall issue to the said state's attorneys, shall be as follows, to wit: "The state of Maryland, to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ county, Esquire, Greeting: Be it known, that reposing great trust and confidence in your integrity and learning in the law, you are appointed and assigned state's attorney of the \_\_\_\_\_ district, to do, perform and exercise all the duties, powers and authorities of that office, diligently and faithfully, according to law; and you are to hold and exercise the said office for and during your good behaviour, and removable only in the manner prescribed by the constitution and form of government. Given under the seal of the state of Maryland, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Ghancellor.

And the said state's attorneys, before they shall do any act in their respective offices, shall take the following oath or affirmation: "I, A. B. do solemnly promise, and swear (or promise and affirm) that I will well and truly behave and demean myself, in the office of state's attorney, for \_\_\_\_\_ district, in all things appertaining to the duties thereof, according to the best of my skill and judgment. So help me God."

6. And be it enacted, That all and every part of the constitution and form of government which relates to the attorney general, or that is any manner repugnant to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed, abrogated and annulled, upon the confirmation of this act; and that if this act shall be confirmed by the General Assembly after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs, in such case this act and the alterations and amendments of the constitution therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall

constitute and be valid as a part of the constitution and form of government, to all intents and purposes, any thing in the said constitution and form of government to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Legislature of Maryland.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1817.

Mr. Watkins delivers a report favourable to the petition of Gabriel Galworth. Read.

PETITIONS.

From William Emmit and James Hughs, of Frederick, for the state's right to part of a tract of land. From John Baer, of Henry, of Frederick, for a divorce. From sundry inhabitants of Frederick, for a levy to repair the market-house in Bentz-town. From sundry inhabitants of Frederick, relative to merchants in Baltimore paying wagoners an extra price for flour not included in the bill of sales. A memorial from the Visitors and Governors of Washington College, for a lottery. A petition from Edward Brown, of Kent, for further time to complete his collections. From John M. Gragg, of Harford, to confirm his title to certain property. From sundry inhabitants of Frederick, for a separate criminal jurisdiction in said county. From John J. Jacob, for an increase of his pension. From John Becroft, a revolutionary soldier. From Richard Gooding, of St. Mary's, for a levy to support his children. From John Caldwell, of Harford, to confirm his title to certain lands. A memorial from Wm. Gibson, and others, of Baltimore, for a law to lay out new streets. A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil, for roads. Severally referred.

On motion of Mr. Kell, Leave to bring in a further supplement to the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors.

Mr. Davis delivers a report favourable to the petition of John Leather. Read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the additional supplement to the act to straighten and amend the several public roads in the several counties, and the bill to alter and change the name of Cecil Cross Roads to Cecilton—passed. A bill for the relief of James P. Heath, and a bill appointing a Printer to the state—passed by senate; severally read.

The house proceeded to a second reading by special order, of the bill from the senate appointing a Printer to the state, and passed the same.

On motion of Mr. Causin, the following order was adopted:

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the western shore be requested to lay before this house an account of the whole amount of the money heretofore appropriated for the use of the Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. Potts, the following order was adopted:

Ordered, That the treasurer of the western shore be requested to lay before this house the amount of receipts during the last year, for fines, forfeitures, marriage, ordinary and retailers licenses, from each of the several counties in this state.

Mr. Ringgold delivers a report favourable to the petition of Robert Dunn, jun. Read.

On motion of Mr. Kell, a message to the senate was agreed to, proposing, that the report made by commissioners, relative to the practicability and expediency of opening and extending Pratt and Lombard streets in the city of Baltimore, should be acted on by a joint committee, and naming the committee on the part of the house. Adjourned.

Thursday, Jan. 2.

PETITIONS.

From Benjamin Stevens of Somerset, a soldier of the revolution. From Jos. J. Sterett, of Washington, and James Patton, of Talbot, for special acts of insolvency. A memorial from the trustees of the Easton Charity School, for a donation. A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick, for an extension of magistrate's jurisdiction. From sundry inhabitants of Graceham, relative to a turnpike passing through said town. From Jehu Chandler, of Annapolis, praying payment of his claim against the state for extra services rendered in printing the laws and votes and proceedings. From sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, for a separation from the Precincts of the City. From sundry inhabitants of Cecil, counter to that for alterations in the

turnpike road from Susquehanna Bridge to Wilmington. From Moses Orme and Benjamin Elliott, of Anne-Arundel, for a revival of a law for a road passing through their lands. From Jno. Connelly, of Harford, for a support. From George Grundy and Sons, counter to that of Jno. Pierpoint, Joseph L. Lord and John Neale. Severally referred.

Mr. Banning delivers the following report:

The committee of claims, to whom was referred an order of the house of delegates to enquire into the expediency of imposing a tax on the banking capital of this state, having taken the same into consideration, beg leave to report—That they have examined the act of assembly of December session, 1813, entitled "An supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate 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 Baltimore," and find by that act that the faith of the state is pledged not to impose any further tax or burthen during the continuance of their charters. And your committee are of opinion, that any interference of the legislature at this time would be in violation of the aforesaid recited act. Read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill securing to the sheriff of Baltimore county the gaol fees of certain insolvent debtors; the bill to authorise the levy court of Montgomery, to complete the repairs of the gaol, and the bill for the relief of the Rector of St. John's Parish, in Harford and Baltimore counties, severally endorsed "will pass." The bill authorising Ariana Hall to remove a negro boy from New Orleans to this state, and the bill to authorise James Tidball to import and bring into this state certain slaves, severally endorsed, "will not pass."

Mr. Ringgold delivers a report favourable to the petition of Philip Reid. Mr. Tomlinson a report favourable to Wm. Davis. Severally read. Mr. Potts a report favourable to Michael Boyer.—twice read and concurred with.

The bill to incorporate the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, was passed—yeas 35, nays 20.

On motion of Mr. Haynie, Leave to bring in a bill to repeal an act for the suppression of fairs throughout this state.

On motion of Mr. Rd. K. Watts, leave to bring in a bill to regulate the practice of sheriffs in making their collections, and for other purposes. Adjourned.

Friday, January 3.

On motion of Mr. Kell, leave to bring in a further supplement to the act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, &c.

On motion of Mr. H. Hall the following preamble and resolutions were read.

By the House of Delegates,

January 3, 1817.

WHEREAS the encouragement given to Negroes running away from their owners in this state, and the harbouring the same by sundry citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has become a serious inconvenience to the owners of slaves; therefore,

Be it resolved, By the General Assembly of Maryland, That the encouragement given to, and the harbouring and employing of runaway negroes from this state, by sundry citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has increased to such a degree, and the inconvenience arising therefrom to the good people of this State has become so great, as to make longer silence on this subject on the part of the General Assembly of Maryland improper. Resolved, That the Governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing Resolution to the Executive of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a request that he will lay the same before the Legislature thereof; so that they may interpose their authority to prevent the evil thus complained of, in such manner as their wisdom and justice shall dictate.

By order,

Louis Gassaway, Clk.

The bill for the better payment of the jurors in Frederick county, was amended by inserting Montgomery and Allegany counties, and passed—yeas 28, nays 21.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill to provide for the recording

of certain deeds, and other papers passed by that body. Read. A communication from the Register of the land office. Also a letter from the Governor, enclosing one from Robert H. Goldborough, relative to the State's claim against the U. S. for expenses incurred during the last war.

Mr. Hambleton delivers a bill to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes; and to amend the laws concerning runaways. Read.

PETITIONS.

From Thomas Moore and others for a road. From Mary Whitehead, Hannah and Jemima Hill, and Elizabeth Short, of Anne-Arundel, to be supported. From sundry inhabitants of Emmitsburg, for a law to prevent obstructions in the streets and alleys of said town. From sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's for altering a road. From the assistant keepers of the penitentiary for an addition to their salaries. Severally referred.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a report unfavourable to the petition of John L. Hawkins. Read.

Mr. Warner a report on the petition of sundry creditors of William Molleson. Read.

Mr. Bowles moved the following leave:

Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to levy a tax on the assessable property in this state for the payment of old soldier's pensions.

Mr. Dennis moved to strike out from the word "act" in the said leave to the end thereof, for the purpose of inserting the words "for appropriating certain funds of the state for the payment of old revolutionary soldiers."

On motion of Mr. Kell, the word "appropriating" was stricken out of the amendment proposed, and "providing" substituted.

The question was then put, that the house grant the leave as amended? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bowles delivers a bill to provide for the payment of the loans made by the state. Read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to incorporate Frederick-town, and after striking out the words "and being equally taxed by the laws of the said corporation," in the 4th section, passed the same.

On motion of Mr. Dennis, the question was put, that the house reconsider their decision in refusing leave to bring in a bill to alter the time of the meeting of the General Assembly of this state, and for other purposes? Resolved in the affirmative—Messrs. Blackstone, Dennis, Bowles, Handy and Selby, were appointed the committee. Adjourned.

Saturday, Jan. 4.

PETITIONS.

From Theodore Farrington, of Somerset, for the sale of certain lands. From the president and directors of the Hagerstown Bank, to sell and convey certain real property. From Abraham Force, of Washington, for a special act of insolvency. From Patrick Rogers, of Emmitsburg, counter to the one for preventing obstructions in the streets of said town. From Hannah A. Hayes, of Cecil, for the sale of certain real and personal estates. From John Hoye, and wife of Allegany, to bring slaves into the state. From sundry inhabitants of the city and eastern precincts of Baltimore, to remove obstructions in Bridge-street. From Thos. Beck of Saml. of Allegany, to revise a plat of the town of Cumberland. From Christopher Parrot, a revolutionary soldier. From James Ebleston, of Dorchester, to sell a certain lot. From Matthew Venable, and others, for the appointment of a trustee to convey to them sundry parcels of a tract of land, from sundry inhabitants of Cecil, for a road. From the Westminster, Taney-town and Emmitsburg turnpike company, for the state to subscribe for stock. From sundry citizens of Dorchester, to be incorporated, for the purpose of buying a lot of ground and erecting a school-house. A memorial from the directors of the Penitentiary, for the reimbursement of certain monies. Severally referred.

Mr. Warner delivers a report favourable to the petition of John Becroft. Read.

Mr. Haynie in favour of Benjamin Stevens—twice read and concurred with.

Mr. Causin delivers a supplement to the act to prohibit the emigration of free negroes into this state.

Mr. Taney a resolution of in cases of Severally read The clerk of the bills to loc road from N Springs to Pous respecting the criminal case near Peter H better payme Frederick, Mo ny—severally vest in the just of Talbot county bill to change situation as of Washington districts—seve The report of the Mmnd Pe From sundry cil, counter to the Friend's Charles-town. bitants of the precincts of B obstructions in the heirs of John return of a sum the treasury of B Butcher of Q compensated for as an Arsenal ment. From F of Washington dier. From the ton, forrenting From John Cr aud, George W as S. Jones, of rial acts of insol dny inhabitants for a road. Ff of Talbot, and for special ac From sundry in gonyery, for a petition thereto habitants of An road. Fro of the Methodist of Baltimore, p. From Bdge Company of its cap habitants of pad. From the ty, to be in Jacob Jeffries, evolutionary s by inhabitants ad. From El for a supp look, of Delaw n, of Caroline, a certain land. ndry inhabi pnty, for a s precincts. Sev Mr. Cresap r the petition of it—concurd Mr. Blacksto ter the time of neral assembly The bill relat Aisquith stre The bill to p nment of this aims of this a ment of the se d passed. Mr. Potts rep e petition o read. Mr. Stoddert ering and ame ing the po art of chance Adjourned SEN Monday Being the day ting of the e, the follow in the Senate William Spen Levin Gale Henry Hollyd Joseph E. Mu Wm. Hughte John Leigh George Wincl Robert P. Ma Who adjourn Tuesday The same men burned. Wednesday The same mem addition of M ned. Thursday The same mem addition of a sufficient n