

for recording a certain deed. From sundry inhabitants of Cecil, to shut up a road. From William Bates, for a special act of insolvency. From sundry inhabitants of Harford, for a road. From sundry inhabitants of Frederick for a road. From sundry inhabitants of St. Mary's, for the establishment of a bank in Leonard-town.

The bill from the senate for the relief of James P. Heath, was passed.

The further supplement to the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, was read the second time and will not pass.

A message to the senate was agreed to proposing to go into the election of bank directors, on Wednesday next.

Mr. Houston delivers a bill for the encouragement of literature.

Mr. Duvall delivers a report on the petition of Wm. H. Marriott—referring his claim to the governor and council. Read.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill relating to streets in the city and precincts of Baltimore. Mr. Lecompte a further additional supplement to the act for quieting possessions, &c. Mr. Hambleton a bill to appoint agents for the year 1817. Mr. Potts a bill to provide for the administration of justice in cases of crimes and misdemeanors, in Frederick county. Severally read.

Mr. Lecompte delivers the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the Order of the House of Delegates of 17th December, 1816, on the subject of the deficiency of state funds appearing in the report of the Committee of Claims; and also to report in what manner the loans received by the treasurer of the Western Shore, under the authority of the Legislature, can be settled—Respectfully report, that the deficiency of state funds on the first of November, eighteen hundred and sixteen, amount to the sum of twenty-six thousand six hundred and thirty-five cents, including the probable amount of the journal of accounts of the present session. Of the appropriations due the first of November, eighteen hundred and sixteen, the sum of forty-eight thousand five hundred and eighty dollars and forty-eight cents, remained unpaid at that time, and from a conversation with the treasurer, your committee are induced to believe that the appropriations yet remaining unpaid, together with the receipts into the treasury since that time, will in all probability be sufficient to meet the present deficit; but least, during the current year, a deficiency of funds to meet the demands on the treasury, should occur, your committee would respectfully recommend a resolution be adopted authorising the negotiation of a loan not exceeding the sum of

They would also respectfully suggest, that all other resolutions whereby loans are authorised to be negotiated be repealed. With respect to the second part of the Order, the committee have already reported a bill conformity to their views of the course proper to be pursued, to wit—to transfer to such of the banks, and individuals, who have loaned money to the state, under a resolution of May session, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, so much of the exchange six per cent. stock of the United States of eighteen hundred and twelve, as will amount to their respective claims as aforesaid, provided such banks and individuals are willing to receive the said stock at par in the discharge of their respective claims.

Agreeably to the opinion expressed in the first part of this report, your committee submit to the house the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution of November session, eighteen hundred and thirteen, authorising the treasurer of the western shore to negotiate a loan not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and also the resolution of December session, eighteen hundred and fourteen, authorising the same officer to negotiate a loan not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to negotiate a loan not exceeding

ment of the principal and interest thereof. All which is respectfully submitted.

By order,
R. PINDELL, Clk.

Adjourned.

Monday, Jan. 13.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, to prevent stoves hired by the poor from being taken in execution. From the president and directors of the Susquehanna Bridge and Bank Company, to establish a branch in the City of Baltimore. From Coale and Maxwell, for the state to purchase of them the edition of laws of Maryland unsold, and to aid them in publishing a 4th volume, with a revised index. From sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, for a separation from the precincts. A petition from Thos. H. Hooper, of Dorchester, for the sale of certain lands. From the wardens and vestry of Trinity Church, in Baltimore, for a lottery. From Wm. Green of John for a support. From Lewis Medley, of St. Marys, for relief relative to certain requisitions made by him and destroyed by the enemy during the late war. From sundry inhabitants of Worcester, for a road and landing. Severally referred.

The resolution requiring the Treasurer of the W. S. to receive from the Treasurer of E. S. certain bank notes, was read the second time and rejected—yeas 10, nays 40.

The bill from the senate for the relief of Levi Dukes, was passed and returned.

The bill to enlarge the powers of the levy court of Talbot for the benefit of the poor, was passed.

On motion of Mr. Blackstone, leave given to bring in a bill to enforce payments from the several banks of this state for all notes not exceeding five dollars.

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

Ordered, That the Speaker issue summons for Nathaniel Williams and Henry Dorsey, of Ed. clerk of Harford county court; and Wm. Gibson clerk of Baltimore county court, to give testimony to this house relative to the official conduct of Zebulon Hollingsworth and Theodorick Bland, and that the said clerks be commanded to bring with them such minutes of the proceedings, and such dockets, papers and decrees, of Harford and Baltimore county courts, as will shew the proceedings of the judges of the sixth judicial district under the act, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts.

On motion of Mr. Lecompte the following order was agreed to:

Ordered, That the Speaker address a letter to the several a sent members of this house, and forward the same by express, requesting their immediate attendance at the seat of government.

On motion of Mr. Stoddert the following order was read:

Ordered, That the Speaker issue summons for the hon. Richard Ridgely, and Charles J. Kilgour, to give testimony to this house relative to the official conduct of Richard H. Harwood, associate judge of the third judicial district.

On motion by Mr. Duvall the name of the hon. Jeremiah Chase was inserted therein, and the order agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Stoddert, Ordered, That the Speaker issue summons for Andrew Price, of the City of Baltimore; to give testimony to this house relative to the official conduct of Zebulon Hollingsworth.

The further supplement to the act for amending and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, &c. was read the second time, amended, and passed.

Adjourned.

SENATE.

Thursday, Dec. 19.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, leave given to bring in a bill to authorise the chancellor, and the several county courts of this state, to order, and decree the sales of real estates of minors in the cases therein mentioned.

The bill to repeal so much of the act for the destruction of crows as relates to Queen Ann's county, was passed.

On motion of Mr. Winchester, the following order was read. Ordered, That a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the necessity and propriety of vesting in the governor and council the au-

thority of appointing directors on the part of the state, in the different banks of the state.

On motion of Mr. Winchester, leave to bring in a bill to regulate lotteries in the city of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, leave given to bring in a bill to authorise the raising the sums therein mentioned, by lottery or lotteries, in the manner therein mentioned, to constitute a fund for the establishment of schools for the education of children of indigent parents.

General William H. Winder was unanimously elected a senator in the room of John E. Howard, esq. resigned.

Adjourned.

Friday, Dec. 20.

A resolution from the house of delegates, requesting the Governor to issue to Alexander C. Hanson, esq. a commission as Senator of the U. S. was read.

Adjourned till 30th inst.

Monday, Dec. 30.

A quorum not appearing, the members present adjourned till tomorrow.

Tuesday, Dec. 31.

The bills to prevent the erection of booths within two miles of any methodist camp or quarterly meeting, in the counties therein mentioned—to alter such parts of the constitution as relate to the division of Prince-George's into election districts—authorising a lottery to repair the churches in King & Queen parish, in St. Mary's—to alter the name of Cecil Cross Roads to Cecilton—the additional supplement to the act to straighten the several public roads in several counties—for the relief of James P. Heath—were severally read and passed.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The bills authorising Ariana Hall to remove a negro boy from New-Orleans into this state, and the bill authorising Jas. Tidball to bring slaves into this state, were read the second time and will not pass.

On motion of Mr. Winder, leave given to bring in a bill to regulate divorces.

The bill to authorise the levy court of Montgomery to complete the gap in said county, the bill securing to the sheriff of Baltimore the gaol fees of certain insolvent debtors, and the bill for the benefit of the rector of St. John's in Harford and Baltimore counties, were passed and returned to the house.

Adjourned.

Thursday, Jan. 2.

The bill to make public a road in P. George's; the bill for the relief of Ruth Moore, and children; the bill relating to the division of Allegany into six election districts, and the bill to provide for recording certain deeds and other papers, were severally passed and sent to the house.

The clerk of the council delivers a communication from the Executive, with a letter from Robert H. Goldsborough, esq. on the subject of the state's claim against the U. S. Read and referred to the house of delegates.

Mr. Winchester reported a bill to change all such parts of the constitution as establish religious tests as a qualification for civil offices. Read.

The president laid before the Senate a letter from Roger Perry, esq. declining to accept his appointment as senator.

The bill to change the place of holding elections in the first election district in Harford, and the bill relating to the division of Dorchester county into three separate election districts, were passed, and returned to the house.

The bill for the appointment of a Printer to the state, was returned from the house with an amendment—agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill authorising a lottery in Frederick town to build a church & parsonage-house, was passed with amendments.

Adjourned.

Friday, Jan. 3.

The following bills were read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates:

The bill for the relief of Ruth Moore, and children—for the relief of Eleanor Montgomery—to locate and make public a road connecting the road leading from Williams' ferry with Market-street in Fredericktown—empowering judges of fifth district in Washington to hold elec-

tions in any house in Hancock-town—supplement to act establishing a bank in Elkton.

The bill authorising Philip King to bring negroes into the state, was read the second time and will not pass.

Adjourned.

Saturday, Jan. 4.

A communication was received from the trustees of the Penitentiary, and read.

The bill to lay out a road near Peter Hoffman's mill—to vest in the levy court of Talbot certain property—to make public a road from New Windsor to Poulson's meeting-house—for the better payment of jurors in Frederick, Montgomery and Allegany—to repeal all parts of the constitution relative to the division of Washington county into election districts—respecting the right of challenge in criminal cases—for the support of James Ridgeway, were severally passed.

Adjourned.

Monday, Jan. 6.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, Ordered, That the clerk of Baltimore county court be requested to furnish the honourable the senate of Maryland, as early as practicable, with a statement shewing the number of cases now depending in the said court, to wit—on the appearance, impurance, trial, reference, law, appeal, petition, insolvent and equity dockets, respectively, and the number of suits on the appearance dockets for the years 1806, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

The bill authorising commissioners to survey and lay out a road in Cecil county; the bill to confirm the title of James and John Alexander, of Harford, to certain lands; the bill to confirm the title of John Williams, of Cecil, to certain land, were severally passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

A communication was received from the Executive, enclosed the accounts of the Maryland Penitentiary. Read and referred to the house of delegates.

The senate proceeded to the second reading of the Resolutions from the house of delegates relative to prohibiting the exportation of bread stuffs. Mr. Dorsey proposed to strike out all the first resolution, and adopt the following: "That our senators and representatives in the congress of the United States be requested to call the attention of the national legislature to the shortness of the corn crops in this and some of the adjacent states, and to co-operate in such measures as the wisdom of congress may devise, to alleviate the distress which our citizens will necessarily experience in case the apprehended scarcity of bread stuffs throughout the Union should be likely to be realized."—agreed to.

The further consideration of said resolutions was postponed.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, Jan. 7.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, Ordered, That the clerk of oyer and terminer and general gaol delivery of Baltimore county, be requested to furnish the Senate of Maryland, as early as practicable, with an abstract of the gaol delivery, shewing the number of recognizances, prepayments, petitions for the two last years, and the number of ordinary and retailers licenses granted for the last year in the said county, town and precincts, respectively.

The bills—for the relief of Richard Gooding's children—for the support and maintenance of Uriah Mitchell—to vest in the levy court of Talbot certain property—to confirm the title of Hugh Quigley and John McGeagor, to certain lands—and the supplementary act for incorporating the Farmers Bank of Somerset and Worcester—were severally passed.

The resolution in favour of Saml. Frazier, was assented to.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, Jan. 8.

The bill authorising John D. Henley to remove certain negroes into the state—authorising Edward Brown, of Kent, to complete his collections—for the relief of Levi Dukes—severally passed.

The bill authorising James and David Mackey to complete the collection of all balances due George W. Lightner, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion of Mr. Taney, the following resolution was read: Resolved by the senate of Maryland, That the rule adopted by the legislature at May session, 1813, relative to the notice of all appli-

cations for private acts and for laying out new roads in this state, or for altering old roads ought to be adhered to by the senate.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, Ordered, That Messrs. Dorsey, Winder and Gale, be a committee to report to the senate, a bill, repealing all such parts of the laws of the state as direct and empower the several courts of this state to adjudicate negro slaves, and free negroes, or mulattoes, to confinement in the Penitentiary of the state, and all such parts of the laws of this state as authorise the court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county, to adjudge the confinement of vagrants in the Penitentiary, and to report on providing for the punishment of offenders of such description.

Adjourned.

Extract of a letter from an officer in the Constellation to his friend in Boston, dated

"Gibraltar, Nov. 10.
"It is with the greatest pain that I am compelled to say, Captain Gordon is no more.—After a long and lingering sickness, arising from an old wound, he expired at Messina on the 6th of September. In him we have lost a commander, a friend and a father. Beloved and respected by all who were acquainted with him, his death has plucked from the plume of liberty a bright ornament, and left a sigh to depart, ed merit on the bosom of his officers. In danger he was cool, collected, and an example to all present. When the elements seemed to conspire against the united effort of man his superiority outweighed every difficulty, and bid defiance to all danger. His generous soul knew no bounds at home or abroad. A fond and affectionate brother, and a warm friend to those few connections spared him, he gave them comfort and support to the day of his death; when like a hero and a patriot, he paid the last debt of nature without a groan. To his officers his name will serve as a check in error, and a stimulus to every great and good action.—His example was rectitude, his words the offspring of a great mind. No temptation or sinister motive could ever induce him to swerve from the path of honor, & no exertions were restrained in the execution of a charitable act. Let it ever be remembered, that though his soul has fled, his name can never be forgotten."

Extract of a letter to a gentleman in Boston, dated U. S. ship Washington, Gibraltar Bay, Nov. 14.

"I wrote you from Gibraltar, July 7th. At that time we spent a week here, and then proceeded along the south shore of Sardinia, arrived at Naples, July 18th, after having a swift passage of five days. At Naples we spent a great part of the summer. I was on shore as much as I pleased, and became acquainted with sufficiently many of the nobility, clergy, literary men and artists. I was honored with the strict intimacy of several of the most noted men of learning, and received personal attentions far beyond what I had a right to expect. Every place worth seeing was opened to me, every wish was gratified. I ascended Vesuvius, explored Herculaneum and Pompeii, examined the Catacombs, wandered over the ruins of Puteoli and Baiae, dined at the tomb of Virgil, visited every storied lake and grove, and examined churches, and colleges, and palaces and museums of antiquity, public and private; and medals and statues and paintings, without end. Every spot hallowed by classical associations was familiar to me, and I learned much of living manners. When on the 29th of August, the edifices of the city and scenery of the bay began to fade from view, with Sannazarus under the same circumstances, I exclaimed, "Puteolus, mihi culta, vale, blandissima Siren!" For an account of Naples, see Kotzebue's Travels, and especially Eustace's Tour, whose accuracy of description and correctness of judgment, I can vouch. I should have known much less of the Neapolitans, but for an Italian gentleman, received on board our ship as teacher of French and Italian. Latin was the only language understood by us both.

We were becalmed near the islands of Eolus, among which Stromboli is most conspicuous, emitting at that time only smoke. We anchored at Messina Aug 31. Brydone's description of the straits is very accurate. Here we staid three weeks, and