

Annapolis, Thursday, Dec. 11.

Married, on Sunday evening last by the Rev. Mr. Fechtig, Mr. James Shepherd, to Miss Susan Alice, all of this city.

The following beautiful Production is from the pen of a gentleman eminent for talents and piety, and formerly a resident of this city.

HYMN.

If life's pleasures cheer thee, Give them not thy heart, Let the gifts ensure thee From thy God to part. His praises speak, His favour seek, Fix there thy hope's foundation; Love Him, and He Shall ever be, The Rock of thy Salvation.

It appears by the proceedings of the senate, this day published, that a measure of the most interesting nature to the future destinies of the state is submitted for consideration in the senate of Maryland—An increase of the literary fund, heretofore 1000 limited, with an increase of the wisdom of the Legislature to adopt a system of education, at the public expense, adapted to the localities of the state.

Another measure of considerable interest is also, we see, proposed, to abolish the office of attorney-general, and to substitute district attorneys. The power of substitution heretofore exercised in the attorney-general, is abolished, and the power vested in the executive branch of the government, who are immediately responsible to the people.

Richard Lockerman, Esquire, was yesterday elected Auditor of the State, by the House of Delegates.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Legislature of Maryland. HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Wednesday, Dec. 3.

PETITIONS. From Arthur Craddock, of Baltimore, to be permitted to bring a slave into the state. From Michael McCann, of Frederick, a revolutionary soldier. From the levy court of Somerset to levy money for building office for the register of wills and county clerk. Several referred.

Thursday, Dec. 3. From Ann Tippet and Ann Taylor, of St. Mary's, for a support. From Thos. F. Ward, of P. George's, for a divorce. From the securities of Thomas Thompson, of Dorchester, for further time to complete his collections. From William Damsell, of Cecil, for relief relative to a judgment obtained against him for the value of a horse impressed by him. From Thomas Pearson of Caroline, for further time to complete his collections. From Charles P. Graze, of Frederick, that his title to certain real property may be confirmed. From sundry inhabitants of the town of Hancock, to prevent swine and geese running at large. From sundry inhabitants of Belle Air, relative to streets and alleys therein. From Mountjoy Bayly, a revolutionary officer. From Robert Bruce, of Charles, a revolutionary soldier. From William Gowan, and Thomas Rowe, of Cecil, to confirm their title to certain real property. From sundry inhabitants of Hancock, counter to the petition for preventing swine and geese running at large. From Geo. P. Stevenson of Baltimore, that a certain negro brought into the state may be permitted to remain. From the members of the Corporation of the German United Evangelic Lutheran & Evangelic Reformed Congregations of Christ Church of Jerusalem, in Washington, for a confirmation of the title of certain real estate to the vestry. From William Kendall, of Washington, a revolutionary soldier. From the trustees of the poor of Queen Anne's, to make a conveyance in fee simple of certain lands. Severally referred.

Mr. Hawkins delivers a report favourable to the petition of Michael McCann. Read. The Speaker laid before the house a letter of resignation from Thos. Harrison, Esq. Read. Also communications from the Trustee and Treasurer of W. S. Read. On motion of Mr. Griffith, Ordered, that the committee of claims furnish to each member of the legislature, during this session, the two papers published in this city. On motion of Mr. Kennedy, leave given to bring in a bill to repeal that part of the insolvent law of 1774 which requires the imprisonment of debtors for fifty two days. On motion of Mr. Semmes, leave given to bring in a bill to confirm an act passed last session, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state, as relate to the division of Prince-George's county into election districts. On motion of Mr. Digges, leave given to bring in a bill to increase the outrage on tobacco inspected in P. George's county, and for other purposes. The Speaker laid before the house reports from the clerks of Harford and Dorchester, relative to the attendance of judges. Referred. Adjourned.

Friday, Dec. 5. Bean S. Pigman, esq. a delegate from Frederick, Samuel Claggett, esq. from P. George's, Henry Watts esq. from St. Mary's, and James Tidball esq. from Allegany, appeared, qualified and took their seats. PETITIONS. From James Hood, a revolutionary soldier. From the heirs of the late Gen. John Davidson, that certain monies paid into the treasury by their father may be refunded them. From John Russell, and wife, of Charles, for a divorce. From the trustees of Severn Church, for a lottery. From Samuel Hardcastle, and others, of Caroline, relative to real estate of John Hardcastle. From certain members of the Methodist Church in Caroline, relative to a lot of ground. From Patrick Allen, a revolutionary soldier. From James T. Pollock and Fanny Pollock, of Washington, for a divorce. From Samuel Ringgold, of Kent, to ascertain certain damages. From John Smith of Anne-Arundel, a revolutionary soldier. From Henry Ashton, to sell certain negroes. Severally referred. The Speaker laid before the house reports from the clerks of P. George's, Somerset and Queen Anne's, relative to attendance of judges. Mr. Griffith from committee reported rules proper to be observed during session. On motion of Mr. Semmes, leave given to bring in a bill for the revaluation of real and personal property in Prince-George's county. On motion of Mr. W. R. Stuart, leave given to bring in a supplement

to the act concerning crimes and punishments. Mr. R. Dorsey reported favourably on the petition of James Hood. Read. A message from the senate notifying the house of their having formed a quorum, and of their readiness to proceed to business. The house resolved on Wednesday next, to proceed to the election of Auditor. On motion of Mr. Wilson, leave given to bring in a bill declaring what shall be evidence in certain cases. The clerk of the Senate delivers the following communication from the Executive. IN COUNCIL, Annapolis, Dec. 1, 1817. Gentlemen.

In conformity with the resolutions of your honourable body, at its last session, imposing certain duties upon this department, we have the honour to state, that the honourable John C. Herbert and James Fenwick, esquire, were appointed commissioners, on the part of the state of Maryland, to meet such commissioners as might be appointed on the part of the commonwealth of Virginia, to arrange and devise some efficient mode of protecting the fisheries on the Potomac river, by inhibiting steam boat navigation on said river during the month of April. No official notification of the appointment of commissioners on the part of Virginia has been communicated to this department, arising not from any disinclination to co-operate in the prosecution of the measure, but as we have reason to believe proceeding wholly from an adjournment of its legislature before any communication from this department could be received by it.

We have the honour further to state, that twenty five copies of the new edition of the laws of the United States, printed under the direction of the secretary of state, and the attorney general of the United States, have been purchased, and partially distributed. It will be recollected by your honourable body, that the sum of eight thousand dollars was placed at the disposal of the executive, for the purpose of collecting the public arms, camp equipage, and munitions of war generally, which had been distributed among the several regiments during the late war. This measure was recommended by the executive to the last general assembly, with a view to prevent emigrants to the western states and territories from carrying the public arms out of this state. It is to be lamented that this resolution cannot be carried into effect, as fully and effectually as could be wished, owing to the want of system and discipline in the militia of the state, arising as well from the resignations of militia officers, as from the defects in the system itself.

Your honourable body are well aware, that by the law of the United States, and the rules of the war department, it is required of the adjutant general of the respective states that they make an annual return of the militia of the state to the inspector and adjutant general of the United States. As no provision by law now exists by which this object can be effected, we feel it our duty to recommend to your honourable body, the enactment of a law upon the subject, making it the duty of the major generals commanding divisions, to make returns annually to the adjutant general of the number of militia in their respective divisions, and compelling the brigadiers, colonels, lieutenant colonels, majors and captains, to make such like annual return to their respective immediate military superiors, under such penalties and forfeitures as to the wisdom of the legislature may appear expedient and necessary. We deem it further our duty to state to your honourable body, that the claims and vouchers against the United States for military expenditures have been fully arranged, and are now in a state of complete preparation, and will be submitted to the general government by the states' agents as soon as possible; and we have the strongest reasons to believe and hope, will receive the early attention of the general government the principal obstacle to an adjustment being the difficulty of fixing on some general principle which may be found applicable to the claims of the states generally. The law of the last session, appointing an agent to collect the states' debts, has not been carried into effect, as the agent appointed by the law has not accepted of the

appointment. We are glad to hear that this law has not been neglected, so long as the amount of completion which the agent shall receive for the services, is uncertain, and depends upon the amount of the valid debts; we therefore respectfully recommend the appointment of an agent, with accurate annual salary. Contracts have been made with the Registers of the Land Office for an Index of the names of all the lands surveyed and patented, and of the unpatented certificates, since the revolution to the present time, which work is in a state of considerable forwardness. We herewith transmit a copy of a work entitled "Rules and Regulations for the field exercise and manoeuvres of Infantry, compiled and adapted to the organization of the army of the United States, agreeably to a resolve of Congress," together with an accompanying letter from the Author.

We also herewith transmit a proposition of Nathan Starr, of Connecticut, offering to contract with the state of Maryland for any number of swords which they may require. Which are respectfully submitted to the inspection and consideration of your honourable body. We have the honour to be, with high consideration and respect, your obedient servants. C. RIDGELY, of Hamp. The Honourable the General Assembly. Adjourned.

Saturday, Dec. 6. PETITIONS. From the vestrymen of the German Lutheran Congregation in Frederick town, to hold real estate. From sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, for a lottery. From Samuel Webb, of P. George's, a revolutionary soldier. From sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, for a Bank at Centreville. Severally referred.

The Speaker laid before the house a report from the Examiner General of the W. S. Read. On motion of Mr. Yates, leave to bring in a bill to allow mileage in certain cases to jurors in Washington county. On motion of Mr. Semmes, leave to bring in a bill to establish a Bank under the title of 'The Planters' Bank of Prince-George's.

Mr. Semmes delivers a bill for the revaluation of real and personal property in Prince-George's; also a bill annulling the marriage of Thomas F. Ward and Anne Ward. Severally read. Adjourned. Monday, Dec. 8. Richard Graham esq. a delegate from Calvert, Thomas Kell, esq. from the city of Baltimore, and Philip Thomas, esq. from Cecil, appeared, qualified, and took their seats. PETITIONS. From John Hudson of Caroline, a revolutionary soldier. A memorial from the judges of Baltimore county court and City court, and members of the Bar, for certain alterations in the court-house. A petition from Edward Ridgely, of Baltimore, for the return of a certain sum of money. From William Daugherty, of Frederick, for a special act of insolvency. From sundry inhabitants of Montgomery, to increase the allowance to jurors. From sundry inhabitants of said county, for a turnpike from the point where the road from George-town to Frederick-town now intersects the district line. From David Palmore, of Washington, to be placed on the pension list. A memorial from the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal, for an amendment of their charter. A petition from John Long, of Harford, a revolutionary soldier. A memorial from William Steuart, of the city of Baltimore, for the extension of the time of payment for two lots of ground. Severally read. On motion of Mr. Lecompte, a message was sent to Senate proposing to go into the election of a Governor. On motion of Mr. Blackstone, leave to bring in an additional supplement to the act to establish pilots. The clerk of Senate delivers a message agreeing to proceed to the election of Governor. Mr. Gagne delivers a report unfavourable to the petition of John Russell and Eleanor his wife. Read. On motion of Mr. Wilson, leave to bring in a bill to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, &c. as relate to the administration of oaths in certain cases.

The constitution and form of government, as to the power of the states, is passed at last session. On motion of Mr. Dorsey, leave to bring in a bill to provide for appointing prosecutors for the several judicial districts within this state, and prescribing the duties of the same. The president laid before the senate the following letters: December 1, 1817. Sir, In separating myself from a number of gentlemen for whom I have more than ordinary attachment, it is to me extremely unpleasant, but finding my parents in life claiming my attention at home, I have deemed it expedient to resign my seat in the senate of Maryland, and beg of you, sir, to communicate the same to the honourable body over whom you preside. In thus taking my leave, I hope my infirmities may be borne with, in praying that it may please God so to direct your minds, that all your deliberations may not only receive the plaudits of a grateful country, but bear the whispers of an approving conscience. With great individual respect and regard for you, Sir, and each member of the senate, I have the honour, &c. JOHN LEIGL. To the Hon. Wm. Spencer, President of the Senate. Adjourned.

Tuesday, Dec. 9. G. N. Causin esq. a delegate from St. Mary's, George C. Washington esq. from Montgomery, and Samuel Tennant esq. from Talbot, appeared, qualified and took their seats. On motion of Mr. Blackstone, message was sent to Senate, proposing to proceed to the election of a council to the governor, and to Messrs. Daniel Murray, Henry A. Callis, John E. Howard, John Stoops, Arnold E. Jones, James Butcher, Thomas W. Veasey, Jr. Boyle, Thomas Sellman, Nathan Williams, and Charles Carroll Carrollton. The clerk of Senate delivers a message agreeing to the proposition of the house to proceed to the election of a council.

The house having qualified, proceeded to the election of a council. The ballots were deposited in a box, and on examination thereof appeared, that Daniel Murray, John Stoops, Henry A. Callis, John Howard, jun. and Arnold E. Jones, esquires, were elected. Adjourned.

SENAE. Friday, Dec. 5. The senate formed a quorum on the following day, when the following message appeared, to wit: Messrs. Spencer, D. rsey, Emerson, Hollyday, T. Cressup, Winchester, Winder, & Gale. William Spencer, esq. was elected president. The former clerks and esquires were also re-elected. Mr. Winchester presented petitions from Daniel C. Holliday, from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, for opening a street.

On motion of Mr. Tanc, leave given to bring in a bill to amend the clerk's fees in the county court proceedings in the county court. On motion of Mr. Wippen, leave given to bring in a bill to amend the parts of the constitution as proposed by the German Diet, for the manner and time of election of the governor. On motion of Mr. Tanc, leave given to bring in a bill to amend the circulation of bank notes under the denomination of one dollar.

Adjourned. Saturday, Dec. 6. Mr. Hughlett and Mr. M... appeared. On motion of Mr. Dorsey, leave to bring in a bill to increase the fund for the establishment of schools, by providing for the regulation and regulating auctions, and brokers within this state. Adjourned. Monday, Dec. 8. On motion of Mr. Dorsey, leave to bring in a bill to amend the laws relating to the administration of oaths in certain cases.

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With great individual respect and regard for you, Sir, and each member of the senate, I have the honour, &c. JOHN LEIGL. To the Hon. Wm. Spencer, President of the Senate. Adjourned. Tuesday, Dec. 9. On motion of Mr. Dorsey. That the senate now proceed to fill up the vacancies in the senate occasioned by the death of Archibald Van-Horn, esq. and resignation of John Leigh, esq. it was resolved in the affirmative. The senate, having previously qualified, proceeded to said election. The ballots were deposited in the box, and on examination thereof it appeared, that Edward H. Calvert, and Virgil Maxcy, esqs. were elected.

From the Boston Daily Advertiser. A friend has shown us a letter from Sierra Leone, which mentions the return to that place of the British scientific expedition for exploring the interior of Africa. They were completely unsuccessful, having advanced only about 150 miles into the interior, from Rio Nunez. Their progress was there stopped, by chief of the country; and after untiring endeavours, for the space of four months, to obtain liberty to proceed, they abandoned the enterprise and returned. Nearly all the animals died. Several officers died, and what is remarkable, but one private, besides one drowned of about 500. Captain Campbell died two days after their return to Rio Nunez, and was buried with another officer, in the same spot where Major Peattie, and one of his officers were buried on their advance. The remnant of the party were at Sierra Leone, Sept. 4 and proposed making another attempt, by another track.

The Diet of the German Confederation, during the last winter, passed a resolve by which they declare that they will receive ministers from the several European states, and also from the U. States of America, and that they will appoint ministers to represent them at foreign courts, whenever the interests of the state they represent, shall require it. We have seen no notice in any foreign paper of any diplomatic appointment by this body, but it is mentioned in the Philadelphia Democratic Press that Baron Gagern, a Dutchman, arrived at Philadelphia about a month ago, in the capacity of representative of the German Diet, and has proceeded to Washington. The great number of emigrants Germans in this country renders such a mission obviously important to the welfare of the natives of the German states.

From the Hager's town Torch Light. The Grand Inquest for the body of Washington county, unanimously do present as a grievance, the annual practice of public horse racing, in the vicinity of Hagerstown. Although the Jurors aforesaid are aware that horse racing, in itself, is not a direct violation of any laws now existing in the state; yet they now with regret, that it has a leading tendency to corrupt the morals of the youth of the county, and is most invariably accompanied with great variety of direct breaches of the laws, such as gambling, profane swearing, drunksness, and a host of enormities, which nobis...

THE COMMITTEES AND COURTS OF JUSTICE. The Committee of Justice during the previous week in the month of December, 1817. By order. Dec. 11.