

sals, one half to the use of the in- former, the other half to the use of the Treasury. The section in which the error had been detected, referred only to an increase of the arma- ment of foreign vessels already arm- ed; a former section of the same act amply provided for the case the gen- tleman had cited.

The question to lay the resolution on the table, was decided in the af- firmative, 79 to about 50 votes.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Mr. Edwards offered the follow- ing resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House information of the number of States which have ratified the 13th article of the amendments to the Constitu- tion of the United States, proposed at the second session of the 11th Congress, (prohibiting any citizen of the United States from accepting or retaining any title of nobility, pension, office or emolument, with- out the consent of Congress, from any foreign prince or power, &c.)

Mr. Edwards stated, that his mo- tion was induced by some doubts whether the article referred to had been ratified by a sufficient number of the states, to make it a part of the Constitution, although it appeared as such he perceived, in the copies printed for the use of the members of the house; and it was desirable that a fact so important should be placed beyond question. The mo- tion was agreed to without opposi- tion.

On motion of Mr. Huntington, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this house a return of the arms and mili- tary stores furnished to the respec- tive states under the provisions of the law of 1808, appropriating an- nually the sum of 200,000 dollars for furnishing arms and military equipments to the whole body of the militia of the United States, and also to inform this house on what principle the distribution hath been made.

On motion of Mr. Huntington, also, it was

Resolved, That the committee on post offices and post roads be in- structed to take into consideration the expediency of providing by law to authorise the governors of states and territories for the time being to receive and transmit, through the post offices, all official communica- tions free of postage.

The House adjourned to Friday.

### MARYLAND GAZETTE.

Annapolis, Thursday, Jan. 8.

Deceased this life on Thursday morning 1st day of January, at an advanced age, Mrs. Mary Maynard, of this city.

### AMELIA ISLAND—taken.

A gentleman of undoubted verac- ity, well known to the editors of the Savannah Republican, writes his brother in that place, under the date of Jefferson, Camden county, Dec. 23, 1817.

"This day, at twelve o'clock, Ame- lia Island was taken possession of by the United States troops; and I am in hopes, that the Floridas will, within a short time, be under the same flag."

### Abstract of the Proceedings of the Legislature of Maryland.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

Wednesday, Dec. 31.

### PETITIONS.

From Evan Price, of Montgome- ry, for a support. From the Conno- wago Bridge Company, for the estab- lishment of a bank. From John K. Rowe and Richard Bevan, for a confirmation of their titles to cer- tain property. From sundry inha- bitants of the city of Baltimore, for the extension of East-street; also one counter thereto—Also for open- ing Pine-street. From Vachel Bur- gess, of said city, a revolutionary soldier. From sundry inhabitants of the said city, and county, to in- corporate the Baltimore and Belle- Air turnpike road company. From Robert Gorsuch, for further time to complete collections. From Eliza- beth Johnson, to dispose of a parcel of land. From the managers of Asbury College, for an act of incor- poration. From the trustees of Deer Creek Church, in Harford, for a lottery. From Joseph Ray and John Robbins, of Montgomery, re- volutionary soldiers. From sundry inhabitants of P. George's and Anne-Arundel, for the erection

of bridges over the Patuxent. From sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, for a bridge over the lower ferry on Pa- tapasco. From Frederick Bowers, of Allegany, to bring slaves into the state. From the trustees of the Hager's-town Academy, for a lotte- ry. From George Doyle, for a spe- cial act of insolvency. From Sarah Harry, to sell a mill and farm. From sundry inhabitants of city of Balti- more, to preserve the breed of cer- tain foreign animals. From John Hoye and wife, of Allegany, to bring a slave into the state. From sundry inhabitants of Caroline, for a repeal of the act for relief of the poor in said county. From sundry inhabitants of Charles, counter to the petition for a road. From sun- dry inhabitants of Allegany, to au- thorise the herding of cattle. From sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel, Montgomery and Frederick, for a road. From sundry inhabitants of P. George's, relative to having seins on Potomac. Severally referred to Mr. Wilson deKvers a bill to al- ter such parts of the declaration of rights, constitution and form of government, as relate to the adminis- tration of oaths in certain cases.

Read

On motion of Mr. Stevens, leave to bring in a bill to repeal the third section of the act to suppress duelling.

Mr. R. Dorsey submitted resolu- tions in favour of Godley Hanspan, and Tobias Reynolds, old soldiers.

On motion of Mr. Woodyear, leave to bring in a bill to incorpo- rate the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Kell, leave to bring in a bill supplementary to the act relating to the equity jurisdic- tion of the County courts.

Mr. Esop submitted a resolution in favour of Ignatius Brashears, an old soldier.

Mr. Gaither reported favourably on the petition of Joseph Ray.

Adjourned.

Thursday, Jan. 1.

Mr. Linthicum reported favour- ably on the petition of John Robbins.

### PETITIONS.

From the trustees of the Bladen- burg Academy, for a lottery. From Thos. Duvall, of P. George's, for relief relative to a certain negro.

From Elizabeth, Mary, and Rebe- ca Cross, to sell the equitable estate of their father in a certain tract of land. From Amos A. and George Williams, for the erection of a to- bacco warehouse. From sundry in- habitants of Queen-Anne's, relative to the practice of kidnapping. From Henry Didier, and others, of city of Baltimore, relative to a narrow alley. From Elizabeth Lea and R. Chambers, of Queen-Anne's, for the sale of certain lands. From sundry inhabitants of Montgomery, for a turnpike road. Severally referred.

On motion of Mr. Long, leave to bring in a bill for the removal of lunatic paupers from the several coun- ties to the Hospital at Baltimore.

Mr. Digges moved the following order, which was adopted.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inquire into the expediency of taxing the office of disount and deposit of the Bank of the United States, established in the city of Baltimore, and that they have leave to report by bill or other- wise.

Messrs. Digges, Kell, Harrison, Wilson, and Semmes, were appoint- ed the committee.

Mr. Stephen delivers a memorial from the Mayor, &c. of Annapolis, for legislative aid in removing a sand bar, in case of Annapolis being se- lected as a proper place for a naval depot.

The clerk of Senate returns the bill to open Chesnut-street in Balti- more—passed—Ordered to be en- grossed—Also a bill to establish a bank under the title of the Farmers Bank of Leonard-town, and a bill for relief of Elizabeth R. Snyder— severally passed by that body. Read Adjourned.

Friday, Jan. 2.

### PETITIONS.

From Richard B. Meek and Wm. Dent, of Charles, to confirm their titles to certain lands. From sun- dry inhabitants of Baltimore, for a levy to rebuild Cromwell's Bridge.

From the widow of Capt. Lloyd Beall, that the pension granted her husband may be continued to her.

From Greecubury Howard, of Mont- gomery, to confirm a sale. From James Tidball, of Allegany, to bring slaves into the state. From sundry inhabitants of Charles, that a cer- tain road may be declared public.

From sundry inhabitants of Balti-

more and Harford, for rebuilding a bridge at Easton's Mills. From Joseph Ennals, of Dorset, for a spe- cial act of insolvency; also to be allowed for deficiency in a lot. From commissioners of Chester-town, that the tax on billiard-tables may be granted to them. From sundry in- habitants of City of Baltimore, to make public a lot of ground—Also one to furnish the state with eight guns completely equipped, free of expense, and praying for a lottery to compensate them for the inven- tion. From sundry inhabitants of Dorchester, for a bank. From sun- dry inhabitants of P. George's, for a bridge at the Priest's Ford. From citizens of Baltimore, for opening Lombard-street. From sundry in- habitants of Princess Anne, for the establishment of a market. From Nathaniel Hall, of P. George's, for a support. From sundry inhabitants of P. George's and Anne-Arundel, that a certain road may be finished at the expense of the two counties. Severally referred.

Mr. Saulsbury reported unfavour- ably on the petition of Samuel Luc- cas—concurrent with.

Mr. Bradford reported unfavour- ably on the petition of Vachel Bur- gess—concurrent with.

The bill to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, &c. as relate to the administration of oaths in certain cases, was passed and sent to senate.

The clerk of Senate delivers an additional supplement to the act to incorporate the stockholders of the Mechanics Bank of Baltimore—passed by that body. Read.

Mr. Lecompte reported favour- ably on the petition of John Eccles- ton—Read. Mr. Woodyear unfav- ourably on the petition of Charles R. Green—concurrent with.

On motion of Mr. Brawner, leave to bring in a bill to regulate sur- veys.

The clerk of senate delivers the bill to appoint commissioners to di- vide Allegany into eight separate election districts—passed. Order- ed to be engrossed. The supplement to the act to incorporate the Union Company of Snow Hill—passed with an amendment. Also a bill to regulate the clerk's fees in the chancery proceedings in the county courts—passed—Read.

Mr. Kell reported unfavourably on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, respecting hay-scales—concurrent with.

The bill from the senate, entitled, A supplement to the act for extend- ing North-street in Baltimore, was passed.

Adjourned.

Saturday, Jan. 3.

### PETITIONS.

From Hannah A. Hayes, to sell certain real-estate. From the Wash- ington Hose Company, for a lottery. From sundry inhabitants of Balti- more, to build a bridge over Mere- dith's Ford. From Edward and Samuel Maddox, of St. Mary's, for a fee simple estate in certain lands. From Roderick Erickson, of Queen-Anne's, for a division of certain lands. From John Gassaway, of Annapolis, for compensation for ser- vices rendered as adjutant-general. From Michael Fetchitt, of Dorches- ter, counter to the petition for al- tering a road. From Edward Brown, of Kent, to complete his collections. From Thomas Perry, jun. of Charles, to confirm a deed. From Wm. Bald- win and James Wilson, of Prince- George's, for special acts of insolv- ency. From sundry inhabitants of Rockville, to prevent swine going at large. Severally referred.

The bill from the senate, for the relief of Elizabeth R. Snyder, was passed.

Mr. Washington delivers a bill to incorporate companies to make sev- eral turnpike roads through Mont- gomery, Frederick, and Washing- ton counties. Read.

Mr. Davis a bill for the preserva- tion of the shad fisheries in Susque- hanna. Read.

The clerk of Senate delivers the bill repealing the act preventing geese and swine, as far as relates to Upper-Marlboro', going at large—passed. Ordered to be engrossed. The bill for the benefit of Wm. Cow- an—passed with an amendment. The bill for the relief of Jesse Hughes will not pass. A bill to re- peal the act of assembly for the de- struction of crows in Somerset and Worcester—A bill authorising Da- niel C. Hollyday, to bring a slave into the state; and a bill for the re- lief of Eliza P. Curtis—Severally passed by that body.

Mr. Semmes reported favourably on the petition of Mountjoy Bayly. Read Adjourned.

Monday, Jan. 4.

From Otho H. Williams, of Washing- ton, to be released from the pay- ment of the nine per cent on a cer- tain account. From Sarah Bowen, of Calvert, for further time to com- plete the collections of her late hus- band. From Honoré Martin, of Montgomery, for a confirmation of his title to certain lots. From sun- dry inhabitants of Hager's-town, for a levy to purchase a fire-engine.

From sundry merchants of Balti- more, respecting buoys and pilots in Patapsco. From the members of Zion Church, in Baltimore, for a lottery. From Jane Coulburnes, of Somerset to be compensated for cer- tain damages. From Arthur Rich, of Dorchester, for a relinquishment of the state's right to certain lands.

From William Phelps, of Anne- Arundel, for relief. From John Montle, an old soldier. From Isaac Parker, for a special act of insolv- ency. Severally referred.

Mr. Kennedy reported favourably on the petition of Otho H. Will- iams—concurrent with.

Mr. Kell delivers a bill for found- ing Asbury College. Also a bill for building a bridge over Patapsco riv- er, at the lower ferry. Mr. Lec- ompte a bill to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly. Severally read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for benefit of Elizabeth Rowe—passed. Ordered to be engrossed. The bill supplementary to an act for reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, &c. And the bill to establish the Planter's Bank of P. George's—severally passed with amendments. Adjourned.

### SENATE.

Thursday, Jan. 1.

Mr. Winder presented the memo- rial of the president and direc- tors of the Merchants Bank, also the memorial of James Ellicott and others. Mr. Jackson the memorial of Francis Hollingsworth. Mr. Winchester a petition for opening Pearl street. Mr. Gale the memo- rial of the Havre-de-Grace Ferry Company. Mr. Winchester a pe- tition to repeal the law for opening Bridge-street. Severally referred.

Mr. Winder reported a bill relat- ing to the state directors in the several banks of this state.

Mr. Maxcy presented the petition of James Williams and Thomas Harris.

Mr. Winder reported a bill to prevent the exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to amend the laws concerning runaways.

Friday, Jan. 2.

Mr. Winchester presented a pe- tition for the extension of Centre- street.

Mr. Winchester reported a bill to appoint a warden for the goal of Baltimore county; also a bill for the extension of South-street; also a bill relating to election districts in the city of Baltimore. Severally read.

Saturday, Jan. 3.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, leave to bring in a bill to alter the times of sitting of the county courts in the fourth judicial district.

Petitions were presented, and re- ferred, from John T. Worthington, and Elizabeth League.

Monday, Jan. 5.

The president laid before the senate a letter from Stephen Pur- nell, Esq. declining to accept his appointment as senator.

On motion of Mr. Winder, leave to bring in a bill to establish and incorporate the Patapsco Canal Company—Mr. W. reported said bill.

From the American Daily Adver- tiser.

To Luther Martin, Esq. of Mary- land.

SIR,

It would be common place to tell you how much strength the practice of duelling, or any other practice, may acquire, by receiving the apparent sanction of a name like yours. Your letter to Mr. Lecompte, of Maryland, has been pretty extensively circulated; and, although you certainly do not wish to throw any obstacles in the way of abolishing so abominable a cus- tom as that of duelling, you cer- tainly cannot suppose, that no such obstacles are thrown in the way by what you have said on the sub- ject. Let us see whether they are insurmountable.

The constitution (you observe) has declared what are the qualifica-

tion of the House of Representatives, and what paths should be pursued by the members. It is manifest, that the only path, which is open to you, is that of a candid and disinter- ested declaration of your opinion on the subject. It is manifest, that the only path, which is open to you, is that of a candid and disinter- ested declaration of your opinion on the subject.

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