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SENATE.

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tions which shall render a citizen eligible to the House of Representatives, and when duly elected, what oaths are to be taken, before the member elect can assume his seat. Therefore, you conclude that the oath prescribed by the Act of last session is manifestly unconstitutional and void. Now, it seems to me, that the Act in question merely requires one more qualification than is required by the constitution; and that both may easily stand together, without interference or infringement. Do yourself call the last an additional oath?—not an oath which supersedes or takes the place of those prescribed by the constitution? And, indeed, the Act of last session is only to be regarded as one of the numerous laws, which legislatures are always solely employed in making, to remedy such defects, or to supply such omissions, as may and must be found in the original code.

But even upon the supposition that the new oath amounts to a repeal of the old,—that it disqualifies such persons as the constitution would qualify,—I should still think that its enactment was warranted by the uniform course of precedents. How often have the inconveniences of our constitution been remedied—not by rescinding the constitution itself,—but by enacting other laws which should modify its effects. The mischiefs of *estate-tail*, for example, were not removed by formally repealing the statute *De Donis*; but by allowing a *common recovery* to convey a *fee simple*. Mr. Martin is too great a lawyer not to recollect a hundred instances of the same sort.

Again—you tell us, that 'if such 'a law can constitutionally be passed 'the legislature may, with as much 'propriety, enumerate every breach 'of the decalogue through all the 'subdivisions of each of the commandments, and compel each member to bind himself by the sanction of an oath, to live thereafter 'a life of sinless purity.' Leaving the indefinite and rhetorical expression of '*sinless purity*,' I conceive, that there is no absurdity in admitting all this. So far as the constitution is concerned, there could be no impropriety in exacting an oath against each article of the decalogue; but there would be an excessive impropriety in making any man, or body of men bind themselves before-hand to abstain from the commission of crimes, which can be much more effectually prevented by the infliction of subsequent punishment. Now, surely it has been long enough proved, that no laws, human or divine, can suppress, or even sensibly check, the practice of duelling: the only way to abolish it, is, by influence of example; and the only persons whose influence and example would be of sufficient weight for the purpose, are those who occupy the high places of society.—There is no necessity of binding men by oath to keep the general commandment—*thou shalt not kill*—because the punishment of death is a sufficient preventive;—but that there is a necessity of binding them by oath to abstain from *killing* in this particular way, called single combat, every days report convinces us. The imposition of the additional oath, is merely a mode of conferring an obligation, which men will not regard at all, by attaching to it another, which they will.

You rightly observe, that the 'additional oath required by the aforesaid laws has not the object of having any relation to the peculiar duties which the legislator owes to his country, in his legislative character.' Did it need an apology? Are there not things on record, as laws made by legislatures, merely for their internal government? Could the House expel a member without commission of some capital crime? And can it not refuse to admit a man as a lawgiver, who will not consent to join with them in the only possible means, which have been devised, of exterminating one of the most capital of crimes? Besides, I am by no means sure that an oath against duelling has no relation to the duties which a legislator owes to his country. It may be sure, his peculiar duty to make laws for his constituents; but it is his general duty to take every constitutional method in his power to prevent or to remedy mischiefs, and by his example alone, & not by any law which he may assist to make, that the custom of duelling can be abolished, an oath against the practice has most surely some relation to his legislative duties.

SOLON.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1.

LATEST FROM ENGLAND.

By the arrival of the ships Carolina, Reeves, from Liverpool, and the Lorenzo, Dunbar, from London, the editors of the Mercantile Advertiser are put in possession of Liverpool papers to the 12th Nov. inclusive, and London papers and Shipping Lists to the 10th. The Lorenzo sailed from Deal on the evening of Nov. but being no later passed than the 7th—on the day of sailing from Deal, capt. Dunbar sent his last ashore for the purpose of procuring papers, but did not obtain any—nor did he learn that there was any news.

The only event of importance that occupied the papers, is the death of the Princess Charlotte, the only legitimate heir of the Prince Regent to the throne of England, who expired on the 6th Nov. a few hours after having been delivered of a still born male child—England was in mourning.

As a political event, says one of our papers, the death of her Royal Highness is of a serious description, considering the ages and circumstances in which several members of the royal family are placed. Including the Duke of Gloucester and his sister, there are not less than fourteen English princes and princesses in succession. With respect to other collateral branches of the family, there are one child, 5 grand children, and 4 great grand children of the Duchess of Brunswick, and 2 children and 2 grand children of the Queen of Denmark, his Majesty's sister, to whom the crown will devolve on failure of lineal descendants from our native princes.

One of the passengers in the Lorenzo, who was ashore at Deal on the 19th Nov. informs that it was not then ascertained whether the ports would be closed—but from the state of the market he is of opinion they would continue open.

The execution of the 3 principal persons convicted lately at Derby of high treason, took place 7th Nov. The fate of the other convicts has been mitigated to transportation.

The apprehensions excited lately by the reports of the commencement of a formidable war in India, have subsided, intelligence having been received from Bombay that the peshwa and his adherents had submitted to the terms offered by the governor general.

London, Nov. 10.

The Russian fleet sold to Spain has passed the Belt, and, it is said, will proceed direct to Cadiz, without stopping at any port in England.

A Flanders mail contradicts the report that Spain is to cede some territory in return for the Russian fleet from Revel, delivered over to her. The payment, it is said, is to be made in money, 1400,000 which she is to receive from us for the abolition of the slave trade.

London, Nov. 5.

CHINA.

Intelligence from St. Petersburg says, that the Russian Asiatic Company had acquainted the government at its latest arrivals from China brought an account of the desire of the Emperor of China to see foreign ambassadors at his court, upon the same footing as at European ones, being anxious to maintain constant diplomatic relations with them. Are we to understand from this, if it be authentic, that the head of the Celestial Empire is willing to spare the heads of foreign ambassadors from the nine thumps of the Ko-Tom.

DEATH OF THE PRINCESS CHARLOTTE.

From the London Gazette, Nov. 6.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte Augusta, daughter of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, and consort of His Serene Highness Prince Leopold of Saxe Coburg, delivered of a still born male child, at nine o'clock last night: and about half past 12, her Royal Highness was seized with great difficulty of breathing, restlessness and exhaustion, which alarming symptoms increased till half past 2 o'clock this morning, when her Royal Highness expired, to the inexpressible grief of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, of her illustrious consort, the Prince Leopold, and of the Royal Family.

The Princess Charlotte, was in the 22d year of her age; she was born on the 7th of January, 1796, and married the 2d of May, 1815.

DIED,

At Providence, R. I. on Tuesday morning last, after a long illness, WILLIAM GODDARD, esq. He was the first editor of the Providence Gazette, which paper he established in 1762, there being, before that period no printing press in that town. He published Newspapers, successively, in New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, closing in the latter city his professional labours. The first years of his long life were passed amid the turmoil of hateful activities—the last in the bosom of domestic quiet. He had just completed his 77th year, and the fine threads which bound him to mortality gave way without a struggle.—His family sorrow not without the hope that through the merits of the Saviour, in which he trusted, he has found pardon and acceptance.

From the Federal Gazette.

In consequence of information received from Annapolis, that an attempt would be made to procure the introduction of a section (into the bill now depending before the legislature for the extension of Pratt street) which would authorise the erection of a Block or Pier in the Basin, south of the proposed south line of Pratt-street, we understand that a special meeting of the city council was called by the mayor, and that a memorial was yesterday adopted by a large majority, strongly recommending the passage of a law for the extension of the street without a block or any other obstruction, and expressing as the opinion of the corporation, that such a measure would be of great public benefit. The memorial earnestly protests against a block or any obstruction or wharf south of the south line of the street, and expresses the fixed and deliberate opinion of the corporation, that such a measure would be ruinous to the navigation of the basin.

We also understand, that a resolution was passed by a large majority, pledging the city to pay in cash, one third of the whole expense of opening the said street, provided a law should be passed at the present session, authorizing the extension without permitting any wharf, block, pier or obstruction, south of the south line of Pratt-street as proposed to be extended.

A resolution was also passed, requesting the senators and delegates from this city to state to the legislature, that, for reasons assigned in a preamble to said resolution, the corporation of Baltimore is desirous that the act to enlarge the bounds of Baltimore city should not be repealed, and that in their opinion it would be unwise and inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners for its repeal.

Nathaniel Williams, Richard B. Magruder, and James Williams, Esqrs. members of the city council, are a committee from that body, appointed to proceed to Annapolis and present these important papers to the legislature.

From the National Intelligencer.

Despatches received from the Commander of the forces of the United States, on our South-ern border, have brought official information of the occupation of Amelia Island, on the 24th ult. by the U. S. troops under the command of Col. Bankhead, co-operating with the naval force on that station, under the command of Captain Henley.

It has been stated in the public prints, in a variety of shapes, in some as a positive fact, in others upon conjectures, that Mr. Bagot, the British Minister here, had protested against the transfer by Spain of East Florida to the United States. We have taken pains to ascertain the truth of this statement, and are warranted in assuring our readers that it is altogether without foundation. *Ib.*

Col. Needham, with his brother officers, lately discharged from imprisonment in this city, took their departure yesterday. Phil. paper.

Mr. Jonathan Parks,

Who tarried some time in this place, in July last, distributing moral tracts and exhibiting an optical shew, is requested to inform me of his place of residence, and so forth, on or before the first of February next, otherwise I shall be under the necessity of disclosing some circumstances of the utmost importance to him, and not altogether unimportant to the public.

W. D. Bell.

Hager's-Town, Md.
Dec. 9, 1817.

By His Excellency Charles Ridgely, of Hampton, Esquire, Governor of Maryland.

A PROCLAMATION.

The innumerable mercies with which it has pleased Almighty God to crown our beloved Country, during the past year, cannot fail to excite the liveliest emotions of thankfulness in every heart. At no period have the inexhaustible riches of Divine Benevolence been more signally displayed. Peace, and in her attendant train, all that can advance the prosperity of our Country, strengthen and inviolably maintain our free institutions, & elevate to the loftiest height the glory of our National Character, Plenty, liberally rewarding the toils of Industry, from the horn of her abundance; Science and the Arts directing genius, to whatever can improve and animate the condition of mankind; Religion extending her mild and peaceful sway throughout the borders of the land, and shedding her benignant influence upon the public morals & manners; these are chief among the blessings which demand a People's gratitude to the Divine and munificent Author of them.

In these mercies the good People of the State of Maryland have abundantly participated; the wounds inflicted upon her prosperity by the savages of war, are already healed; Agriculture repays with rich abundance the honest industry of her sons; her Commerce whitens every sea, and renders the remotest quarter of the globe tributary to her wealth & power; while her Manufactures carry her forward to the proudest anticipation of real Independence. In the full and unrestrained enjoyment of these, and other blessings, it is meet that we remember with grateful hearts, the Divine source from whence they all proceed; that we offer unto the Lord, thanksgiving and praise for all his mercies towards us, acknowledge our dependence on his bounty, implore pardon for our unworthiness, and pay our vows of renewed love and obedience

Actuated by these sentiments and confidently relying on the general concurrence of the good People of the State of Maryland, I have thought fit to issue this Proclamation, recommending *Thursday the 12th day of February next*, to be observed and kept as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, for all the blessings vouchsafed unto us, by the beneficent Lord and Governor of the Universe.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the State of Maryland, this fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

C. RIDGELY, of Hampt.

By His Excellency's command,
NINIAN PINKNEY,
Clerk of the Council.

Ordered, That the aforegoing Proclamation be published daily in all the newspapers in this State.

Jan. 8.

GREAT BARGAINS.

MRS. ANN MERRIKEN,

Of Baltimore, respectfully informs the Citizens of Annapolis, and its vicinity, that she has brought from Baltimore with her, and lodged in the house formerly occupied by Childs & Shaw, next door to Messrs. Evans & Iglehart, where she has on hand, and intends keeping during the legislature, an elegant assortment of Millinery, a large variety of fancy goods of the latest fashions, consisting of white Plushes, Laces of different kinds and qualities New fashions for Ladies head dresses, Leghorn Bonnets, elegant imported worked Baskets, Gloves of different kinds & qualities, Worked Purses, &c. &c. And also an elegant assortment of Ladies Slippers, trimmed in the latest fashions, all of which she flatters herself she can sell far below any of the prices in Annapolis, as she has laid them in to an advantage. Those that wish any thing in her line will find it to their advantage to give her a call, and especially the Gentlemen of the Legislature.

Annapolis, Jan. 8.

The Subscriber's School

Will be opened on Monday the 12th inst.

Henry L. Davis.

Annapolis, Jan. 8.

40 Dollars Reward.

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 15th ultimo, a black man by the name of Phill, (who calls himself Philip Addison,) about 40 years of age, 5 feet 1 or 2 inches high, square built, with rather a pleasing countenance when spoken to, has a shaking of the right arm, occasioned by bleeding; his cloathing not recollected, except a great coat of dark flushing edged with red, very much worn. It is probable he is harboured in the neighbourhood of Mr. William Sanders, where he has a wife—26 dollars will be given to any person who will commit him to Annapolis Jail, or the above reward, if brought to me, living in Prince George's county, seven miles above Upper Marlboro', near Mr. Dennis Magruder's mill.

William G. Sanders.

Jan. 8, 1818. 4t.

LIST OF LETTERS,

Remaining in the Post Office, Annapolis, 31st Dec. 1817.

Wm Alexander, Juliet Anderson 2, Thos. H. Bowie 3, William Bishop 2, Wm. Barry, Wm. Brewer 2, Rousberry Bowie, Ralph Bazzel, Jos. N. Brewer, Simon Barstow, Mijour Bogie, Nathaniel Chittenden, Henry Coulter, Elizabeth Cross, Nancy Childs 2, Jos. Cassian, John Duvall of M. Jno. Duvall, Wm. Duvall, Wm. Davis, John Davidson, Jos. Daily, Wm. Davis (coloured man), Jos. Farland, Frederick Grammer, John Gibson 2, Asbath Goldsboro, Rd. Gray 2, Wm. Gatchel, Eleanor Griffith, Wm. Glover, Judges of A. A. County, Richd. Hall 2, Bennet Hurst, Jno. Harris, U. S. Heath, Rachiel Hall, Godfrey Henderson 2, Eleanor B. Hawkins, Jemima Hall, Kitty D. Hood, Philemon Hobs, Eratus Hoadly, Jas. Hird, Rosy Henderson, Sarah S. Hood, Catharine Hockman, Rachiel Hood, John. Hutton, Isaac H. Hopkins, Thos. Hanson Dr. A. Jones, Solomon Jennings, Jacob Janney, Abraham Jarret. Wm. Kilty, Jno. Knighton, Richd. Kelty, Wm. King, William Knight Henry Lisbey, Susan Lane, Wm. M. Little, Jas. Linthicum, Thos. J. C. Monroe, Patty Mathews, Elizabeth Macune, Elizabeth Holliday, Ellen Brown, Renecca Peters, James Metz, Jno. Mathews, Dr Maddox, Jos. Meads, Jos. Night, Jno. Norris, Wm O'Harra, Elizabeth Purdy, David Potter, Wm. Prentiss, Jean Pierre Romain, Sally Ross, Elizabeth C. Rawlings David Ramsey, Horatio Ridout, Beal Randall, Josias Sunderland, Jno. N. Steel, Henry Smith, H. M. Smith 2, Wm Saunders, James Saunders, Rachiel Stewart, Jno. Scott, Sophia Smith, Geo. G. Stevens, Zacharia Tucker, Henry Yates The Hon. German Tribunal John H Williams, Richard B Watts 2, Henry Woodward 2, Rd. K. Watts, Jno. M. Warfield, Elizabeth O. Woodward, Robt Young, Charles D Warfield, Nichs Woodward, R. Welch, of Ben. 3.

The following letters are directed to persons on board the Franklin 74.

Wm. H Allen, Nathaniel Alexander, James Banks 2, Ins. Bennet, Chas Blake, John Brown, Isaac W. Burns, Charles Clarke, James Chambers, Wm. Cannon, Jas. M. Clements, Isaiah Ermey, George Fields John Ford, Lewis M. Goldsborough, Charles Haigle, Wm. Inman, Wm Kennon, S. M. Kissain, Alexander Kinder, John A. Kearney, John Kenney, Saml. Logan, Andrew Martin, Jasper Moylen, Geo. Mathews, Geo. Miller, Jno. M'Naughton, Fredk. P. Markham, Edwin B. Newton, Lunist Oelless, Ges. Pearce, B. Richardson, Robt. Ross, Jno. Sears, David Spencer, Chs. Stewart, Saml. Travers, Chs. C. B. Thompson, Henry J. Tudor, Wm. Wood Philip Wade, Wm. Weaver, Albert G Wall.

Jan 8.

This is to give notice,

That by virtue of an order from the orphans court of Anne Arundel county, the subscriber will expose to public sale, at Mr James Hunter's Tavern, in the city of Annapolis, on Friday the 30th inst. one Negro Man by the name of Harry, and one Horse belonging to the heirs of Richard Simmons, deceased; the said negro is about 25 years of age, and has been accustomed to row in a ferry boat for some years. The said property will be sold on a credit of six months. Bond and security will be required, with interest from the day of sale. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock, on said day.

Samuel Trott, Guardian.

Jan. 8.

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel County Orphans Court, Jan. 6, 1818.

On application by petition of Charles G. Warfield, administrator of Vachel Warfield, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks in the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligencer.

John Gassaway, Reg. Wills,
A. A. County.

Notice is hereby given,

That the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Vachel Warfield, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the first day of July next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this sixth day of January, 1818.

Charles G. Warfield, admr.

Jan 8.

Frederick-town Lottery.

Those persons who purchased Tickets in the above Lottery, of the subscriber, are requested to settle for the same, as the drawing is completed.

J. Green.

Dec. 18.

JAMES F. BRICE,

Attorney at Law, has just published A Familiar Explanation, of the Laws of Wills and Codicils, and of the Laws of Executors and Administrators, and the Rules whereby estates both real and personal descend, and are to be distributed, in case no will be made, with instructions to every man to make his own will, the necessary form, or the purpose, and the forms of other instruments relative to the estates of deceased persons. The whole written as much as possible without the use of law words or terms.

The original work, whence this compilation is derived, was, as this also is chiefly intended for the benefit of those who are unacquainted either with the doctrines or the forms of law, & who wish to be instructed how to act, without subjecting themselves to the necessity of communicating the knowledge of their private concerns to any other person. This, among other considerations, induced the author to compile this treatise, that a book may be always at hand, to which immediate application may be had in those cases of emergency, when every moment is precious; and by means whereof many at least of those mistakes and omissions, now daily committed may be avoided, law suits prevented, and the peace of families thereby secured. The compiler has in connexion with the original work, and in order to render the present system the more complete, incorporated therein that portion of the law of this state which is applicable to the estates of deceased persons, and subjoined thereto a digest of the testamentary laws.

This work may be had at this office, at Mr. George Shaw's book store in this city, and at the book store of Mr. Coale, Baltimore.

The editors of the American & Federal Gazette are requested to insert the above in their respective papers once a week for the space of six weeks.

Annapolis, Oct. 16. tf.

A FEW EXCELLENT

PATENT LEVER WATCHES

(Made to the order of a particular workman in this country) for Sale by

WILLIAM M'PARLIN,
Watch-Maker, near the Farmers Bank.

Gentlemen wanting

GOOD TIME KEEPERS,

Can obtain them on as good terms as the importer can afford—with elegant gold embossed Chains, Seals, &c complete.

WATCHES

Of every description carefully repaired, and every attention paid to their performance, that satisfaction may be given to all who may favour him with their commands.

January 1, 1818. 4w.

D. HARRINGTON,

SURGEON DENTIST,

FROM BALTIMORE,

Expects to tarry a few days in Annapolis, and tenders his services, in the line of his profession, to those who may wish operations performed on the teeth or gums. He removes the tartar from teeth on which it is formed, or beginning to collect, and restores them to their native whiteness; and also removes decay, or arrests its progress by plugging with gold or tin foil.

He sets the different kinds of artificial teeth, so that they may be worn with much satisfaction, and prove highly useful and ornamental; and extracts teeth, or roots, where it is practicable and advisable.

Apply at his room opposite the Post Office.

Recommended by Mr. Horace H. Hayden, Surgeon Dentist, Baltimore.

Reference to Dr. Ridgely, of this city.

Jan 1. 3w.

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel County, Orphans Court, December 23, 1817.

On application by petition of Benjamin Thomas, administrator with the will annexed, of Ebenezer Thomas, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette and Political Intelligencer.

John Gassaway, Reg. Wills,
A. A. County.

Notice is hereby given,

That the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration with the will annexed on the estate of Ebenezer Thomas, late of A. A. County, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the first day of March next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 23d day of December, 1817.

Benjamin Thomas, adm'r. w. a.

January 1.