

Debts due to the State from its Citizens.

By the report of the treasury, it appears that there is due to the State from its citizens, the sum of \$355,055 49.

Of this amount the treasury has determined to pay the sum of \$23,004 11.

Leaving a balance, on account of the treasury, of \$332,051 38.

Of the large sum here mentioned, there can be no doubt the greater portion of it has been lost, in consequence of the extreme indolence of the same towards its debtors, and of the sum being a vast amount, of which there is reason to fear, will be lost from the same cause.

Your committee have been recommended, in the most earnest manner, the adoption of the most efficient measures for the recovery of the public debts.

Besides the debts above mentioned, the treasury reports that there is due from the supervisors of the public roads 7,812 dollars 7 cents. Balance from the poor-houses of Baltimore County 10,600 dollars sixty seven cents.

These sums were loaned under the act of 1774, chap. 21, and 1775, chap. 26, and 1773, chap. 30, and were directed to be levied on the assessable property of the several counties for whose benefit the loans were made, and to be refunded to the State.

Your committee understand that the loans made to Baltimore County were assessed for the use of the State upon the County in 1774, '75 or '6, and collected by the then sheriff and his deputies; that the property of the sheriff became confiscated and was appropriated to the use of the State.

The deficiency appearing in the report of the committee of claims for the present session.

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Of the appropriations un-paid, is the amount authorized to be subscribed on the part of the State on account of the stock reserved in the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Baltimore, per resolution of December session, 1816, 10,000 00.

This resolution should be repealed.

The balance of the deficiency can produce no embarrassment. The appropriation that will remain un-called for, and the current receipts of the treasury preclude the possibility of difficulty on that account.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. BUELL, CLK.

[EXHIBIT A.]

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Jan. 14, 1819.

SIR,

In answer to the enquiry proposed by your letter of the 11th instant, we have the honor to state, that from the best examination of the accounts in this department, it appears that the following expenses have been incurred:

The several sums for pay of the militia, rations, transportation of baggage, pay and subsistence of draughted militia, and so forth, which have been regularly stated and presented to the department of war, by the agent of the State, amount to \$280,719 61 1/2.

Several accounts made out since the above were presented, which stand exactly on the same ground and will be presented in due form, amount to 6,099 31.

In addition to the above expenses, the State has paid for the articles of powder and ball, the sum of 17,890 31.

For the purchase of arms, the sum of 93,741 74.

For cartouch boxes, tents, knapsacks and other military articles specified in the several accounts filed, 35,000 01.

For armours' bills, mending guns, repairing arms, and so forth, the sum of 10,357 60.

You will perceive, sir, from the above, that the amount of the claim now presented to the general government, (including the above sum of 6,099 dollars, 31 cents,) is \$282,819 dollars 15 1/2 cents.

That the amount of the several other expenses stated as above, is 156,995 dollars 06 cents.

The agent of the State having reported generally the assumption of the claim presented, and the vouchers being in order, the cause every reason to believe that the amount will be received by the State.

With respect to the other items, we can make no clear statement. Powder and ball actually expended, and arms lost in battle or destroyed while in service, would seem to present a fair claim on the general government—but a great portion of the arms, and many of the military equipments are now in possession of the State; no accurate estimate of the quantity of ammunition expended has been made out; it is therefore at present impracticable to give a more particular statement of the amount which might probably furnish a fair claim on the general government.

We have the honor to be, Very respectfully, Your obedient servants, C. GOLDSBOROUGH.

P. S. It appears that there was a sum of 20,764 dollars 21 cents, paid away subsequently to the 1st of November, 1812, under contracts made in pursuance of the act and resolutions of 1808, and June session of 1812, for arms, knapsacks, cartouch boxes, swords, &c. These expenses have not been noticed above, as they arose from acts and appropriations of the legislature previous to the declaration of war.

To BENJAMIN W. LECOMPTON, Esq. Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means.

Saturday, Jan. 24.

Mr. Harrison moved to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of filling the senate and the mode of filling the vacancies in the same.

A petition from Philip Y. Queen Anne's, a revolutionary agent, was presented and read.

The house proceeded to a second reading of the bill to amend the act in relation to mechanics, and others, for erecting of houses in the city of Baltimore.

On motion by Mr. Jenifer, a question was put, That the bill be added to the second reading.

And he further proposed, when the party suing may be an account more than the party sued to be due: the party in each and every case shall be the whole amount of the debt determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. C. Dorsey, a question was put, That the bill be struck out.

And he it enacted, That fieri facias issued by a justice of peace, which may affect the property within this act shall be directed to the sheriff of the county, and before the same, or any other officer, shall be levied upon any lot or building, subject to a lien in favor of the creditor, and no other sale shall be made of a lot or land by order of the sheriff, or of a court of law, or by an executor or trustee, or any will directing such sale, of twelve landholders of said county, shall be summoned by order of the chancellor, in case he directs such sale; and by order of the court, where the sales directed such court, or where it is made pursuant to a will; and by the sheriff or coroner respectively, in case of executions to be levied by the not being interested in either lot or buildings, shall, upon oath of affirmation, value the lot or ground upon which such dwelling-house or other building, may be erected, distinct and separate from the improvements subject to a lien as aforesaid, and return the said valuation to the clerk of Baltimore county, to be by him recorded; and out of the money arising from the sale of the lot and improvements, the amount of the valuation aforesaid shall first be appropriated to the payment of the debt, and the residue to the claims for materials; and it not sufficient to pay the whole of such debt, they shall be averaged and paid proportion to their several amounts, and the debtors remain liable for the balance; but if such sale produce more than the amount of the valuation of the ground, the owners of the lot or ground shall have the whole surplus, and the county court may provide for settling any conflicting claims between claimants, by rules or orders not contrary or detrimental to the owners of such lot or ground, and have the same remedy against the lot and buildings to the amount of the valuation made by the jury for said, as if no lien had been authorized by this act.

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Lecompton, a question was put, That the bill be added to the second reading.

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Kell, the following was added to the amendments: "Provided that nothing in this clause shall be construed to pair, change, diminish or affect any other remedy thereto, which may exist at previous to the commencement of the erection of buildings as aforesaid."

On motion by Mr. Kell, the following was added to the amendments: "But no conveyance shall be made of such prior lien, unless it be recorded before such commencement of the building."

The question was then put, That the house assent to the amendments as amended? Resolved in the affirmative.

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Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. W. Wilson, a question was added to the amendments: "And he it enacted, That this act shall continue and be in force from the first Monday in October, 1819, and until the end of the next session of the general assembly, when it shall happen thereafter."

The question was then put, That the said bill pass? The yeas were as follows:

Yeas—31.

Nays—1.

Monday, Jan. 25.

From sundry inhabitants of the Eastern Precincts of Baltimore, praying they may be exempt from the assessment of damages for opening South street.

From Susanna Leach for a support.

From Hetty Carr, of Virginia, that she may be permitted to remove her slaves into Maryland.

From sundry old soldiers for relief.

From Anne Hinton, for a support.

From George Guy, for a confirmation of the will of his uncle Robert Guy.

From the commissioners of the school fund in Saint-Mary's county.

From sundry inhabitants of Caroline, that causes of assaults and batteries and damages in small cases may be tried before a justice of the peace.

From Penelope Butman for a divorce.

From the police officers of the city of Baltimore to be paid for serving state warrants.

From the president and directors of the Susquehanna bridge company for a lottery.

From John Saunders and John Leach, guardians of John W. Saunders, that they may be authorized to sell the real estate of the said John and Elizabeth.

From sundry inhabitants of Caroline, for a road.

From Peter Kemp, praying for compensation for damages sustained by him by a road passing through his land.

From George Amick, for a special act of insolvency.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, Ordered, That the executive of the State be requested to furnish this house with a statement of the number of arms of every description, and the quantity of ammunition of every kind belonging to the State, and specifying where they are deposited, and whether in the opinion of the executive any part of the same ought to be disposed of, and whether any, and what further measures ought to be adopted for keeping the public arms in order, or for the better protection of the arms or ammunition; and that they also furnish this house with a statement of the number of arms, &c. belonging to this State, which have been collected under the authority of the resolutions of the legislature of 1815 and 1816, shewing the number which has been collected by each person, and the sum of money paid to be paid to each person under the resolutions aforesaid, and also to lay before this house any communications received from the commissioners appointed to view & inspect the armory on the Eastern Shore, by the resolution of December session, 1817.

Tuesday, Jan. 26.

From Larkin Hammond, for a support for the infant children of Joseph Stewart; also from Jane Gaither, for a support. From sundry inhabitants of Kent county, that licenses to retail spirituous liquors pay not be granted without the consent in writing of two-thirds of the free male white citizens, residing within five miles of the place of retailing the same; also from sundry inhabitants of said county, that the sum of money may be levied to remunerate certain persons for losses sustained by fire, occasioned by incendiaries. From Solomon Lowe, of Talbot, to be compensated for supplying the militia. From sundry persons in the town of Salisbury, to prevent aving going at large therein. From James Egan, of Cecil, for further time to complete his collection. From Wm. Hempston, of Montgomery, a revolutionary soldier. From the orphans court of

Affirmative.

Heard, Pryor, Hynson, Metho, T. H. Dorsey, C. Stewart, Showers, E. S. Thomas, Orrick, S. Frazier, Moffitt, Patten, Claude, Quinton, Cockey, Worthington, Smith, Hawkins, Maulsby, Norris, Steele, Henderson, Holbrook, Willis, Kell, Breckenridge, Keller, Kennedy, Schueby, S. Thomas, Tidball—31.

Negative.

Mr. Speaker, Blakistone, Greenwell, Plater, C. Dorsey, Jenifer, Brawner, Wm. Hayward, Long, Dashiell, Eccleson, Lecompte, Mackey, Somerville, Wilson, Yates, Washington, Gaither, Forrest, Tomlinson, Shaw—21.

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Queen Anne's, stating that sundry papers in said court have not been recorded, and praying a law be passed thereon.

From Benjamin Stewart, of Anne Arundel, to be compensated for a negro man condemned by Baltimore criminal court to be hanged.

On motion by Mr. Worthington, leave to bring in a bill to regulate the manner of paying pensions.

The bill to authorize the North Branch Toll Bridge Company of Virginia, to build a bridge over the North Branch of Potomac, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Tidball reported favourably on the petition of John Hoyer—Read.

The bill to quiet possessions, and to prevent suits at law, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Messrs. Williams, Quinon and Wilson, were appointed to bring in a bill to prohibit the obstruction of the navigation in the rivers and creeks in Worcester county.

From Davis Pajmore, of Washington, a soldier of the late war. From Peter Edmondson and Wm. B. Smyth, of Talbot, that the road from Hunting Creek to Choptank river, at Choptank bridge, be kept in repair by Caroline county. From John Lester, of the city of Baltimore, to remove certain slaves into the State. From sundry holders of property on Chesapeake, Baltimore, to have the same graded, and also for an additional compensation for damages that will be occasioned by filling and raising Chesapeake wharf. From Thomas Bicknell, counter to the memorial of Jehosaphat McCauley. From sundry inhabitants of Caroline, counter to that for said county to keep up the causeway at Dover bridge. From sundry inhabitants of the 4th election district in Baltimore county, for a new district.

Mr. Goldsborough reported favourably on the petition of Greenbury Goldsborough—Read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to change the time of the meeting of the general assembly of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Lecompte, to strike out "first Monday of January" for the purpose of inserting "first Monday in November." Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Long, that the "fourth Monday in October," be inserted. Determined in the negative—yeas 13, nays 45.

On motion of Mr. C. Dorsey, that the house reconsider the question as to the words "the first Monday in November." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative—yeas 53, nays 16.

Mr. Breckenridge reported favourably on the petition of Edward Ringly—Read.

The bill supplementary to the act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, and will not pass.

On motion of Mr. Forrest, leave to bring in a bill to repeal so much of an act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session, 1805, as requires the assent of two thirds of the petitioners' creditors in amount.

On motion of Mr. C. Dorsey, leave to bring in a bill to promote internal improvements, and establish a board of commissioners for that purpose.

Thursday, Jan. 28.

Mr. Kell reported favourably on the memorial of Thomas Fairfax, of Virginia—Read. Also a resolution in favour of Elizabeth Poe.

Mr. Mauhsy presented a petition from Lucy Cantler, of Harford, for a divorce. Referred.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill to abolish all such parts of the constitution & form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body.

On motion by Mr. Marriott, the question was put, that the word "one" be inserted in the first clause, so as to make the senate consist of twenty-one members. Determined in the negative—yeas 21, nays 52.

On motion of Mr. C. Dorsey, the following order was read: "Whereas it is not consistent with the rules of this house, and parliamentary usage, that a principle once decided shall again be moved during

the same session, without a vote of reconsideration; and whereas this house, in consideration of the bill, entitled, "An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, did determine, that the senate of Maryland should hereafter consist of twenty-one members; and whereas the said bill was recommended, and by the said committee reported, containing the provision, that only twenty members should compose the senate; therefore, it is Ordered, that the said bill be recommended to the committee that reported the same, with instructions to report the bill, with the number of twenty-one senators, thus adhering to the determination of the house as expressed on this subject.

A division of the question was called for by Mr. C. Dorsey, & put. That the house assent to the same as far as the word reconsideration, inclusive. Determined in the negative—yeas 28, nays 44.

On a second division being called for, the speaker delivered his opinion that the same was out of order, except that part relating to the recommitment of the bill.

An appeal from the decision of the chair being called for, the question was put, That the house concur with the said decision. Resolved in the affirmative—yeas 43, nays 26.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the order for recommitment? Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. H. Tilghman, the question was put, That the words "one member to be chosen from the city of Baltimore, one other from the city of Annapolis and Anne Arundel county, & one member for each of the counties of this State; and that the senators shall be elected by ballot, for five years, by the people of the said several counties & cities, qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, at the same time, & in the same manner, & at the same places, where they shall vote for members of the house of delegates," be struck out for the purpose of inserting the following "to be chosen in the following manner: all persons qualified to vote for county delegates, shall, on the first Monday of September 1821, and on the same day in every fifth year thereafter, elect, by a majority of votes, two persons for their respective counties, qualified to be elected county delegates, to be electors of the senate; and all persons qualified to vote for delegates for the city of Annapolis and Baltimore town, shall on the same first Monday of September 1821, and on the same day in every fifth year thereafter, elect, by a majority of votes, one person for the said city and town respectively, qualified to be elected for the said city and town respectively, to be electors. The said election to be held in the same manner as the election of delegates for the said city and town. And be it enacted, That the said electors of the senate meet at the city of Annapolis, or such other place as shall be appointed for convening the legislature, on the third Monday of September 1821, and on the same day in every fifth year thereafter, and they or any twenty-four of them, so met, shall proceed to elect by ballot, twenty senators, one of whom to be resident of each county of the State, & one a resident of the city of Baltimore, men of the most wisdom, experience and virtue, above 25 years, residents of the State above three whole years next preceding the election." Determined in the negative, yeas 26, nays 45.

On motion by Mr. Jenifer, the question was put, That the words "the city of Baltimore, one other from the city of Annapolis and" be struck out of the first section? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Wm. Hayward, the question was put, That the words "provided two-thirds of all the members of each house concurring" be inserted after the words "Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland." Determined in the negative, yeas 30, nays 41.

On motion by Mr. Marriott, the bill was so amended as to make it necessary that a senator should be a citizen of the United States at least five years before his election.

On motion by Mr. Hynson, it was so amended as to make a senator a resident of the county or city where he may be elected two years previous to his election.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required as follows:

Affirmative. Mr. Speaker, Hynson, Marriott, Estep, F. H. Dorsey, C. Stewart, Becket, Kent, Dalrymple, Showers, Snowden, E. S. Thomas, Orrick, S. Frazier, Lake, Wroth, Mackey, Moffitt, Patten, Digges, Harrison, Quinton, Wilson, Williams, Cockey, Worthington, Smith, Maulsby, Norris, Steele, Henderson, Holbrook, Saulsbury, Willis, Whitby, Kell, Breckenridge, Yates, Keller, Kennedy, Schueby, Tomlinson, Shaw, S. Thomas—44.

Negative. Blakistone, Heard, Greenwell, Plater, W. Tilghman, Knight, C. Dorsey, Jenifer, Brawner, Garner, Goldsborough, T. Frazier, Wm. Hayward, Wm. Tilghman, Long, Murray, King, Dashiell, Lecompte, Somerville, Cuggett, Claude, Stephen, W. R. Stuart, Hawkins, Washington, Gaither, Linthicum, Forrest, Tidball—30.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Friday, Jan. 22.

General Joseph Sterrett, was elected, by ballot, a director on the part of the State in the Bank of Baltimore.

No business of a general nature was acted on this day.

Saturday, Jan. 23.

On motion of Mr. Carmichael, the following order was read and adopted.

Ordered, That Messrs. Carmichael, Taney and Emerson, be a committee to inquire and report to this house the state and condition of the Maryland Hospital, and the application of monies which have been granted by the State from time to time for the benefit of the institution; and that the committee be empowered to send for persons, books and papers.

Mr. Hightlet delivers a report unfavourable to the petition of Elizabeth Morgan.

The bill for the benefit of John McQuinn; the bill for the benefit of Eleanor Wood, Elizabeth Robertson and Margaret Scott; the further additional supplement to the act to ascertain the allowance of jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county & orphans courts in this State; the bill to incorporate a company under the name of "The Hydrant Company of Port Tobacco, were severally read the third time, passed, and sent to the house.

The bill to repeal so much of the act for the better protection of slaveholders in the several counties therein mentioned, as relates to the city of Annapolis, was read the third time and will not pass.

The bill annulling the marriage of Stephen Lewis and Betsy Lewis, was read the third time and will not pass.

Monday, Jan. 25.

The following bills were read the third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

For the relief of Elizabeth Fitzhugh of the city of Baltimore. To authorize Aquilla G. Bowen to complete his collections. For the relief of Phoebe Cresap, of Allegany. For the relief of Rebecca Parritt, of Anne Arundel. For the relief of Juliana Cunningham, of Frederick. For the relief of James Simpson, of Frederick. For the relief of Edward M. G. Watson, of Frederick. To incorporate the Savings Bank of Baltimore. For the benefit of Jno. R. Magruder. For the relief of Wm. Gresson, of Frederick.

Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Mr. Winchester reported a bill to enlarge the powers of the levy court of Baltimore; which was read the first, second and third time by special order, passed, and sent to the house.

Mr. Carmichael reported an additional supplement to an act to regulate the breadth of a certain road in Kent county; which was read the first, second and third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

Mr. Jackson reported a bill to alter the time of holding the county court in Somerset. Read the first, second and third time, by special order, passed, and sent to the house.

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The following bills were returned from the house of delegates, with their assent and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to regulate the number of obtaining and altering public roads in this State. The bill to quiet possessions and to prevent suits at law. The bill to authorize Rich Tolson to complete the collections of John Tolson.

The following bills were read the third time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates.

A bill to increase the allowance to the sheriff of Frederick for keeping and supporting prisoners in goal. The supplement to the act to establish an academy at Liberty town. The bill to exempt from taxation certain plate belonging to the estate of Col. George Armistead, deceased.

MARRIED.

On Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Davis, Mr. Richard M. Chase, to Miss Mary Marriott, a daughter of this city.

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To the Public.

This will notify the public, officially, of my having withdrawn the action which I brought at the last fall term of this county court against Mr. Richard Cooke Tilghman, for conspiracy, slander and defamation. As my allegations were public, so shall my recantation of them be as notorious. I render to that gentleman the amende honorable. "I will render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." I plead not insanity; I disclaim the subterfuge. It was the result of an over heated and misguided state of feeling, combined with a want of reflection; and entered into with no previous intention of wounding the feelings of Mr. Tilghman, or his family. I feel no reluctance in acknowledging my error, but sorrowfully please. I now show myself on the mercy of a generous and liberal public, and sincerely crave their forgiveness for having, in a moment of forgetfulness, agitated the quiet of society.

Respectfully, FRANCIS C. HALL.

Centreville, Jan. 27, 1819.

Georgetown, City of Washington and Annapolis Mail Coach.

Has commenced running three times a week. To leave Crawford's in Georgetown on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 5 o'clock. A M. call at Davis's hotel, in the city of Washington, for passengers; thence to Upper Marlboro' to breakfast; thence thro' Queen Anne to Annapolis, to arrive about 1 o'clock P. M. The return route will leave Williams's hotel, in Annapolis, on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays at 5 o'clock. A M. breakfast at Queen Anne; thence to the city of