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Table with columns for days of the week (Monday to Sunday) and corresponding numbers for the year 1823.

CIRCULAR.

On the night of the 20th inst. a fire originating in a neighbouring building, consumed the house and store occupied by Messrs. S. Potter and Co. and a considerable part of their stock. These gentlemen have been very useful in circulating works of a religious character. Independent, therefore, of a desire to aid our fellow beings in distress, we feel it a duty we owe the cause of Christ to promote the accompanying plan of a religious newspaper.

- List of names and titles of various church members and ministers, including Benjamin Allen, G. T. Edell, and others.

Philadelphia Recorder.

S. POTTER & Co. Propose to publish a weekly newspaper, to be entitled the "PHILADELPHIA RECORDER." The object of this paper shall be the diffusion of religious intelligence. It will give a view of what is doing throughout the world, for the spread of the Gospel. The most interesting literary information will be given; together with occasional reviews, and a short sketch of foreign and domestic political intelligence, so that it will form a complete family paper.

TERMS.

The Recorder shall be published every Saturday morning, on good paper, with good type, every number to be of the size of an ordinary newspaper. Price three dollars per annum, payable in advance. The first number will be issued the first Saturday in April. Persons procuring Subscribers, are requested to return a list of them by first of March.

State of Maryland, sc.

Anne-Arundel County Orphans Court, February, 1st, 1823. On application by petition of David Ridgely and James Iglehart junior administrators de bonis non with the will annexed, of Thomas Warfield late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that they 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 Maryland Republican.

Notice is hereby Given,

That the subscriber of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of A. A. county, in Md. letters of administration de bonis non with the will annexed, on the personal estate of Thomas 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 subscribers, at or before the 1st day of August next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under our hands this 1st day of February, 1823.

NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the late firm of WARFIELD & RIDGELY, are requested to present the same to David Ridgely for settlement; and all those in any way indebted to said firm, are requested to make immediate payment to David Ridgely, who is duly authorized to receive and pay away monies, and in witness whereof, the said David Ridgely, has hereunto set his hand and seal, this 1st day of February, 1823.

LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND.

THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Wednesday, Feb. 12.

The bill to incorporate a society in the city of Baltimore, by the name of the Second Franklin Beneficial Society of Maryland established at Baltimore, was sent to the senate.

The bill for the relief of Anne Jeffers, of Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

The resolution in favour of Thomas Wright, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill for the relief of Jacob Lantz, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Steele, the following message was read, assented to, and with the bill therein mentioned, sent to the senate.

The house resumed the consideration of the supplement to the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state; which was amended, and on motion by Mr. Norris, the question was put, That the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco,

and the bill for the relief of William A. Speck, of the city of Baltimore, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Norris, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery for the purpose of raising a sum of money to pave the streets of Belle Air, in Harford county.

Mr. George S. Leigh reports a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act for licensing and regulating ordinary keepers, and for other purposes.

And Mr. Dennis reports a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Nathaniel Boggs; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill incorporating the Potomac Canal Company? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. John P. Kennedy, the house reconsidered the bill to incorporate the Jefferson Society, in the city of Baltimore.

On the second reading of the same, Mr. Tomlinson moved that the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the same was so amended as to make the members answerable in their individual characters for the debts of the company.

Mr. Rogerson reports a bill, entitled, An act authorizing the orphans court of Charles county to decree to the sale of certain property.

And Mr. Thomas reports a bill, entitled, An act incorporating a company to introduce a copious supply of water into the town of Emmittsburgh, in Frederick county; which were read.

On motion by Mr. A. Lee, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate certain agricultural societies therein mentioned.

Thursday February 13.

Mr. Thomas Kennedy delivers the following report: The Committee of Ways and Means ask leave to submit their second report.

That after having considered the subject of state lotteries, they are convinced that a considerable revenue will be derived from that source, and as the system has never yet had a fair trial, they recommend that it may be continued for another year at least, and although they do not consider it right or proper to depend on lotteries as a permanent source of revenue to meet the current expenditures of government, yet, as a contingent source, it may with some confidence be relied on, and the proceeds of the same, your committee think, ought to be expended in internal improvement.

Should it be thought expedient to pass any laws at the present session, authorising the drawing of

any private lotteries, your committee respectfully recommend, that before the managers in any lottery proceed to sell any tickets, in the same, that they should pay to the treasurer of the western shore one per cent on the gross amount of prizes to be drawn by the scheme of such lottery. This would secure to the state some additional revenue, and prevent applications to the legislature to be released from the payment of the tax imposed upon lotteries, as has hitherto too often been the case. Your committee also recommend, that so much of the act passed at December Session 1821, chapter 233, so far as it requires the selling lottery tickets out of the city of Baltimore to take out licenses from the county courts, may be repealed; and also, that the act to regulate lotteries, so amended, as to prevent any dealers in lottery tickets, or others, from selling at any time less than one whole ticket.

There is one very important subject to which your committee would call the attention of the legislature; it is relative to the states' capital, which consists chiefly of United States stocks, and stock in the banks of this state, of United States six per cent of 1812, which are redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after the 31st December 1824, the state owns the amount of \$133,717 83, which produces annually the sum of \$8,023 00. Of three per cents irredeemable, the state owns the amount of \$225,104 74 which produces annually the sum of \$10,033 12. Equal to a capital of \$167,552 37, bearing an interest of six per cent.

By an act of congress, passed February 11th, 1807, the United States offered sixty-five dollars of six per cent stocks for one hundred of threes; and why the exchange was not made, your committee cannot now pretend to say; had it been done, the three per cents would have produced a capital of \$217,818 08, bearing an interest of six per cent, which would have produced annually the sum of \$13,069 56, being \$3,016 44, more than the three per cents produce, and which sum had it annually been invested in stock, together with the interest accruing thereon, would have amounted at this time to upwards of seventy thousand dollars, and this, added to the capital for which the three per cents could have been exchanged, would now have amounted to more than two hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars, and produced an annual revenue of seven thousand dollars more than these stocks now produce.

The past, however, cannot be recalled, but the present, and the future, require our attention; and if the three per cents were now to be sold, they would bring such a price in cash, which, if again invested in stocks bearing an interest of six per cent, would produce an annual income of from five to six thousand dollars more than they do now, or ever can produce; and your committee are of opinion, that they should immediately be disposed of, and the proceeds invested in some safe and profitable stocks, or loaned to any institutions engaged in making internal improvements, on their giving undoubted security for the punctual payment of the interest every six months, and the principal at such times as may be agreed upon. Indeed, your committee would rejoice to see all the capital of the state employed in carrying into effect those internal improvements, on which the future prosperity of Maryland so materially depends; and surely good and sufficient landed security can be given, by many of our own citizens, for any sum the state may have at its disposal. And whilst the state can thus secure a permanent revenue, her citizens with the use of a capital which at present lies dormant, and is not very productive, would be adding to their own wealth, and that of the state, by improving the advantages which providence has so bountifully bestowed upon us. If the state's capital was even loaned to individuals, on their giving landed security, your committee think it would be less liable to be impaired, and much better employed than it now is. The citizens of the state want more active capital, and Maryland

offers to men of enterprize advantages superior to most other sections of the union, but capital is absolutely necessary to bring her immense resources into action.

Should the legislature prefer investing the proceeds of the three per cents in bank stock, your committee think, that even this can be done at present with considerable advantage. The state has a right reserved to subscribe a number of shares in the stocks of several banks which are now dividing, and which probably will continue to divide, at least six per cent per annum. The annexed statement marked A, from the treasurer of the western shore exhibits a view of the several chartered banks of Maryland in which the state is authorised to be a stockholder.

Your committee therefore intend to report a resolution, directing the treasurer of the western shore to give public notice that he will receive sealed proposals, until the first day of May next, for the purchase of the whole, or any part of the three per cent stock of the United States, now held by the state of Maryland, and should this resolution be adopted; it will then remain with the legislature to say, how the proceeds of the same shall be invested. And to the passage of such a resolution, your committee cannot think there will be any objection, as the three per cents, if now sold for cash, and the same should be invested in any stocks bearing an interest of six per cent, will furnish an amount of revenue more than these stocks now produce, as will be sufficient to extinguish the loan of one hundred thousand dollars due to the Farmers Bank of Maryland, at the time the same is redeemable. The state has lost, in the last fifteen years, seventy thousand dollars, by not exchanging these stocks; she may gain one hundred thousand dollars in the next fourteen years by selling them now.

Your committee also intend to report a bill to provide for the speedy collection of the public revenue. All which is respectfully submitted. Which was read.

STATEMENT A.

Table with columns: NAMES OF THE RESPECTIVE BANKS, When chartered, Where situated, Amount of Capital, Rate per share, Number of shares reserved for the subscriber for the state, and Number of shares remaining for which the state may subscribe.

Exhibiting the several and respective Chartered Banks in the State of Maryland, in which the State is authorised to be a stockholder.

A STATEMENT.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act relating to the second and third districts for choosing electors of president and vice president of the United States, endorsed "will pass," which was read.

The bill for the relief of Eleanor Banks, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the relief of Catharine Stemmell, and the additional supplement to an act, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, endorsed "will not pass." The resolution in favour of John Kean, of Harford county, was read the second time, and dissented from.

Mr. Norris reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery for the purpose of raising a sum of money to pave the streets of Belle Air, in Harford county; which was read.