

ARRIVAL OF GEN. LAFAYETTE

We should endeavour, in vain, to convey by any language that we could use, an adequate idea of the enthusiastic feelings of joy, excited throughout our city, by the arrival of General Lafayette, on Friday last. Suffice it then to say, that every eye beamed with pleasure, every heart throbbed with mingled emotions of gratitude, affection and delight. His approach was announced by a national salute, and the display of the flag upon the spire of the state-house. At 3 o'clock P. M. he made his entrance within the limits of the city, accompanied by his son, George Washington Lafayette, Mons. Vasseur his secretary, the Hon. Joseph Kent, the Hon. George E. Mitchell, representatives in congress from Maryland, Samuel Sprigg, esq. late governor of Maryland, and the deputation from this city, consisting of the Hon. J. T. Chase, late chief justice of Maryland, the Hon. Theodore Bland, chancellor of the state, Col. Henry Myrlandier, an officer of the revolution, and John Randall, esq. collector of the port, who had accompanied him from the divisional line between Anne Arundel and Prince-George's counties. Captain Bruce's elegant company of mounted riflemen, from Nottingham, accompanied the General, as a military escort. At Miller's Hill the procession was formed, under the superintendence of Col. Jones, of the United States army, chief marshal of the day, to whom much credit is due for the handsome manner in which the procession was arranged. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the day, (for it rained without intermission from an early hour in the morning, until night) the military display was highly respectable, both as it regarded the number of the troops, and their soldierlike appearance. In addition to the city militia, consisting of two companies of riflemen, two of infantry, and one of artillery, Captain Dooly's company of riflemen from West River, Captain Bruce's company of mounted riflemen from Nottingham, Captain Watson's, Captain Warfield's, and Captain Sellman's troops of horse, the troops from Fort Severn, Colonel Charles S. Ridgely, of the cavalry, and the officers of Captain Hollingsworth's troop of horse from Elk-Ridge, united in doing honour to our illustrious visitor. The procession having passed through West-street, and down Church-street, moved up Francis-street, to the eastern gate of the state-house, where the General alighted from his carriage, and was conducted to the state-house. Upon entering the hall of which, he was greeted by about 30 little girls, each about 12 years of age, formed in a semicircle, and all dressed in white, with wreaths of evergreen entwined around their heads, and holding in their hands banners, with the following inscriptions:

Lafayette—The friend of our fathers, will always be welcome to the hearts of their children. and the other with: The cannon's roar proclaims the gratitude of warriors. More peaceful emblems must tell of ours.

The General was then conducted to the senate chamber, (the scene of one of the most interesting events in the annals of our history), where, in the presence of the corporate authorities of our city, the members of the legislature, a numerous assemblage of citizens, and strangers, he was addressed by Colonel James Boyle, the mayor of the city, in the following terms: "On the part of the corporation and my fellow-citizens, I greet you with a hearty and affectionate welcome. You have been in this city before, during the gloomy period of that war, which severed one half of the British empire from the other, and placed these states on an equality with the independent nations of the earth. We rejoice to see you now. The children have inherited the grateful affections of their fathers. We do not know which to admire most, that bold and chivalric spirit, which prompted you to leave the quiet of repose, for the joys of a splendid court, where youth and beauty cheered even the dimmings of the aged eye, and the soft endearments of an early love, or that spirit of benevolence, which urged you to fight on the warrior's sword to battle for an infant land just struggling to existence. You came like Achilles, not the leader, but the young hero of the field, to bind upon your youthful brow, the illustrious laurels, and the myrtles of your country's fame, and to retire victorious by your side. You have been reserved for a nobler and a better fate. He fell upon the very threshold of victory. You have survived to see the maturity of that rich boon your gallant sword assisted to achieve. The Grand Master of the Universe would not summon you from your frail lodge of clay to his celestial and eternal lodge above, until you should behold these fair fields, the permanent abode of rational liberty."

life has been passed in a continued and arduous struggle for the support of civil liberty, and the also deeply impressed with a grateful remembrance of his voluntary and valuable services during the revolutionary war. Resolved, that in accordance with these feelings, a joint committee of both branches shall be appointed to convey to General La Fayette an invitation from the legislature, to visit the seat of government, at such time as may be most convenient to him, during the present session, and that such committee shall be authorized to make all necessary arrangements for his accommodation, and draw upon the treasury for such sum as may be required for that purpose. Which was twice read, the report unanimously concurred with, and the resolutions unanimously assented to.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message: BY THE SENATE, December 10th, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, The senate have received the report of the joint committee who were appointed to consider and report on the subject of General La Fayette's visit, and have concurred therewith, and have adopted the resolutions recommended by them. The senate have appointed Messrs. Chambers, Claude, Miller, Bowie and Dickinson, on the part of the senate, to unite with such gentlemen as may be named by you to carry into effect the objects contemplated by the said resolutions.

By order, W. KILTY, Clk. Which was read. On motion by Mr. Howard, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate: BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 10th, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate, We have received your message informing us that you have adopted the report and resolutions of the joint committee on the subject of the visit of Gen. La Fayette. We have also adopted the report and resolutions, and have appointed on our part Messrs. Howard, Carroll, John Edelen, Lloyd, Lee, Becke, Hopper and Speed, to act with the gentlemen named by you.

By order, J. BREWER, Clk. On motion by Mr. Lee, the following order was read: Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice be instructed to enquire into the expediency of suspending proceedings upon all executions issued against real estate from and after the first of March next, and report to this house, as soon as practicable, such substitute hereof as they may deem adequate to secure the interests of creditors. Mr. Showers reports a bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of John Stapp, of Baltimore county, to John Stapp Murray; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate. On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following order was read: Whereas the legislature has adopted state lotteries as a source of revenue: And whereas the enactment of laws for private purposes or local interests, may impinge and embarrass the operations of the general system, it is therefore Ordered, That further legislation on private lotteries will not be entertained by this house. The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 11, 1824.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Showers reports a bill entitled, An act authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money, for the purpose of repairing Zion's Church in Baltimore county.

Mr. Millard presents a petition from Elizabeth Norris, of St. Mary's county, praying support; referred to the committee on that subject. On motion by Mr. Speed, Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice, be requested to ascertain and report to this house as soon as possible, how far certain late registers of the court of chancery, have complied with a resolution of this house, passed at the last session, on the recommendation of the committee of grievances and courts of justice, requiring them to record certain important papers in the chancery office.

Mr. Chapman obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and amend such parts of the constitution and form of government of Maryland, as relate to the election of a governor and council. Ordered, That Messrs. Chapman, Tyson, M-Mahon, Tingle and Dennis, report the same. On motion by Mr. John Edelen, Ordered, That the committee of claims be instructed to inquire and ascertain the exact cost of printing the daily journal, and votes and proceedings of the legislature, and to report the same to this house, without delay.

Mr. Tingle presents a petition from James Mungler, of Kent county, praying support; referred to the committee on that subject. Mr. M-Mahon obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a school in Allegany county, by the name of Allegany County School. Ordered, That Messrs. M-Mahon, Hoffman and Klipstine, report the same. Mr. Millard obtained leave to bring in a bill, to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year. Ordered, That Messrs. Millard, Kilgour and Gough, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Carroll, the question was put, That the report of the committee to prepare rules, be printed? Determined in the negative. Mr. Merrick moved, that the rules of the last session be in force until the said report be acted on? Resolved in the affirmative. Mr. Kemp delivers the following report: The committee of claims in obedience to an order of the house of delegates, requiring them to ascertain the cost of printing the daily journal, and votes and proceedings of the legislature at its present session, beg leave to report, that they have received proposals upon the subject submitted to them, and can have the daily journals and 1400 copies of the votes and proceedings of the legislature, at its present session, printed for the sum of eight hundred dollars; all which is respectfully submitted.

By order, JOHN COCKEY, Junr. Clk. Which was twice read and concurred with. On motion by Mr. John Edelen, the following order was read: Ordered, That the committee of claims be instructed to contract for printing the daily journal, and 1400 copies of the votes and proceedings of the legislature at its present session, for the sum of \$800 as mentioned in their report.

Mr. Carroll moved the following as a substitute: Gentlemen of the Senate, We have appointed Messrs. Carroll, John Edelen and Wilson, a committee on the part of this house, to join such committee as may be named by you, to contract for the printing of the votes and proceedings for the daily use of the house, and for distribution as directed by law, we have ascertained that the sum required will not exceed eight hundred dollars.

Mr. Nicholson reports a bill, entitled, An act authorizing John Hackett, of Queen-Anne's county, to sell the lands therein mentioned; which was twice read and passed. Mr. M-Mahon obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James M-Mahon, a convict prisoner in the goal of Allegany county. Ordered, That Messrs. M-Mahon, Hoffman and Klipstine, report the same.

The house adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 13, 1824.

The house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. The bill authorizing John Hackett, of Queen Anne's county, to sell the land therein mentioned, and the resolution relative to Gen. La Fayette, were sent to the senate. James H. Bowles, Esquire, a delegate returned for Washington county, appeared, qualified, and took his seat.

The speaker laid before the house, the report of the clerk of the court of appeals for the eastern shore, and the clerk of Prince-George's; referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice. Mr. Millard obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to pay the civil list and other expenses of civil government. Ordered, That Messrs. Millard, Kemp and Lee, report the same.

The order directing the committee of grievances and courts of justice, to inquire into the expediency of suspending executions, was read and assented to. Mr. Tyson presents a petition from Charles F. Meyer and others, praying for an act to incorporate the Baltimore Athenaeum; referred to Messrs. Tyson, Howard and Showers. And a petition from William L. Stewart, praying for a divorce; referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Farquhar presents a petition from Jacob Appler, and others, trustees of St. Lucas Reformed Church in Frederick county, praying relief; referred to Messrs. Farquhar, Barnes and Cromwell. The speaker laid before the house a communication from the treasurer of the eastern shore; referred to the committee of claims.

Mr. Hope presents a petition from the trustees of the poor of Harford county, praying for an enlargement of the out-pension list; referred to Messrs. Hope, Montgomery and Jarrett. Mr. Barnes presents a petition from Greenbury L. Rawleigh, for a special act of insolvency; referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. Speed reports a bill, entitled, An act to provide for and continue to judge Jeremiah Towley Chase, during his natural life, the same salary which he was entitled to under the commission he lately resigned as chief judge of the third judicial district. Ordered, That the same have a second reading on the 13th January next. Mr. Teackle presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying for the appointment of a public measurer of potatoes in the city of Baltimore; referred to Messrs. Teackle, King, Dennis, Howard and Tyson.

Mr. Jarrett presents a memorial from the Baltimore and Havre-de-Grace Turnpike Company, praying that they may terminate the sum at Benum's Run, the western boundary of Bush-Town; referred to Messrs. Jarrett, Tyson, and Merrick. The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-three, entitled, An act to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of this state, and for other purposes, endorsed "will pass"; which was read.

Also the resolution relative to General La Fayette, endorsed "assented to."

BY THE SENATE, December 10, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, The senate have received your message of the 10th inst. proposing a joint committee to consider and report upon the subject of the constitution and form of government of this state. The senate although not entirely satisfied of the uncertainty, difficulty and confusion, suggested by your message, cheerfully concur in your proposition to appoint a committee of conference on the subject. Messrs. Chambers, Johnson and Bowie, have been named on the part of the senate, to unite with the gentlemen from your house.

By order, W. KILTY, Clk. On motion by Mr. Jarrett, Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice be requested to inquire into the expediency of dispensing with the imparience court, and the right of superseades in all cases, and report the same to this house. Mr. M-Mahon obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to confirm and make valid the proceedings of the house of delegates since the commencement of its present session. Ordered, That Messrs. M-Mahon, John Edelen and Teackle, report the same.

Mr. M-Mahon, John Edelen and Teackle, report the same. Mr. Speed asked leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to tax certain offices, passed the 13th February, 1823. Ordered, That the committee of ways and means report thereon. Mr. Boon obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Sarah Cheesum, a convict prisoner in the goal of Caroline county. Ordered, That Messrs. Boon, Brown and Hardcastle, report the same.

Mr. Tyson obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to alter and abolish so much of the constitution of the state of Maryland as relates to the oath to be taken by the senators and delegates previous to the election of governor and council. Ordered, That Messrs. Tyson, Merrick, M-Mahon, Wright and Hopper, report the same. On motion by Mr. Egleston, Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be directed to inquire into the expediency of taxing pleasure carriages.

Mr. Barnes obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to facilitate the administration of justice within this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Barnes, Cromwell and Kemp, report the same. Mr. Jarrett obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the following officers fees, The clerks of the county courts, the registers of wills, sheriffs and surveyors. Ordered, That Messrs. Jarrett, Tyson, Chapman, Spence, Dennis, Norris and Roberts, report the same.

Adjourned.

Mr. Barnes presents a petition from Captain Brown's rifle company, praying to be exempted from the payment of a regimental and battalion meeting; referred to the committee on the militia. Also a petition from the German Lutheran Church of Frederick town, praying for a lottery; referred to Messrs. Barnes, Cromwell and Kemp. Also petitions from Wm. Dougherty and William Coale, of Frederick county, praying for special acts of insolvency; referred to the committee on that subject.

And a petition from Margaret Wiest, praying for a divorce; referred to the committee on that subject. Mr. Lee obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorize a lottery for the benefit of the Rockville Catholic Church of Montgomery county. Ordered, That Messrs. Lee, Beall and Wilson, report the same.

Mr. Merrick obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the raising a sum of money for the purpose of completing the Boonsborough and Sharpsburgh turnpike road, and the turnpike road from Baltimore to Hager's town through Harman's gap. Ordered, That Messrs. Merrick, White and Fouke, report the same.

Mr. Showers obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to raise a sum of money by lottery to repair Zion's Church in Baltimore county. Ordered, That Messrs. Showers, Turner and Price, report the same. Mr. Tingle obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to amend the establishment and regulation of the levy courts in the several counties of this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Tingle, Dennis and Chapman, report the same.

Mr. Turner obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to raise a sum of money by lottery, for the benefit of St. John's Church in Baltimore county. Ordered, That Messrs. Turner, Worthington and Showers, report the same. On motion by Mr. Tyson, the following message was read, assented to and sent to the senate: BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 9, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate, In consequence of the numerous amendments of the constitution and laws of this state, acts supplementary to acts, and supplements to supplements, also the gradual decay of many laws owing to the change of time and circumstances, great uncertainty prevails as to what is the law, great difficulty as to its discovery, and great confusion even when discovered, we have therefore appointed a committee of this house, consisting of Messrs. Tyson, Merrick, Chapman, Tingle and Dennis, whose duty it shall be, jointly with a committee on the part of your honourable body, seriously to consider the subject and report thereon to the general assembly at the present session.

By order, JOHN BREWER, Clk. The speaker laid before the house a communication from his excellency the governor, relative to the attendance of the members of the council, which was read. Mr. Lee reports a bill, entitled, An act authorizing a lottery for the benefit of the Rockville and Barnes town Roman Catholic congregations in Montgomery county.

Mr. Tyson obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act authorizing a deed of lease executed by Robert Casey and others to John Stacy Paddon and others, to be recorded. Ordered, That Messrs. Tyson, Howard and Roberts, report the same. The clerk of the senate delivers a communication from the executive, endorsed, read and referred to the house of delegates; which was read.

Mr. Speed obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the honourable Jeremiah T. Chase, the late chief justice of Maryland. Ordered, That Messrs. Speed, Beall and Millard, report the same. On motion by Mr. Tingle, the following message was read, assented to and sent to the senate: BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 9, 1824.

Gentlemen of the Senate, A vacancy having occurred in the office of register of wills for Worcester county, during the recess of the legislature, and no person having been appointed and commissioned by the executive to fill said vacancy until the meeting of the general assembly, we propose with the concurrence of your honourable body to proceed to make the appointment of a register of wills for said county, to-morrow at eleven o'clock. Lemuel P. Spence is put in nomination by this house, and we have appointed Messrs. Tingle and Merrick to join such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots and report thereon.

By order, JOHN BREWER, Clk. The clerk of the senate delivers the following message: BY THE SENATE, December 9, 1824. Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, We have received your message proposing the appointment of a joint committee to make proper arrangements for the reception of General La Fayette, the distinguished friend of our country, and the friend of universal liberty. The senate concur with your proposition, and have nominated Messrs. Chambers, Claude, Miller, Bowie and Dickinson, to unite with the gentlemen from your house.

By order, W. KILTY, Clk. Which was read. On motion by Mr. Teackle, the following order was read and assented to: Ordered, That so much of the executive communication as relates to the militia and public arms be referred to the committee on the militia. That so much of the said communication as relates to the public records and library, be referred to the committee appointed on the memorial of the judges of the court of appeals. That so much of the said communication as relates to the public lands, be referred to a standing committee of five members, to be appointed on that subject. That so much of said communication as relates to fuel consumed in the public offices, be referred to a special committee consisting of three. That so much of the said communication as relates to internal improvements, be referred to a standing committee of nine members, to be appointed on that subject. That so much of the said communication as relates to canals, be referred to the committee on roads and canals. And that the chair appoint such of the said committees as are now vacant.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 10, 1824.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The speaker announced the following committees: Messrs. Worthington, Barnes, Kilgour, Thomas and Bennett, a committee on so much of the executive communication as relates to the public lands. Messrs. Dalrymple, Ganit and Hooper, on so much thereof as relates to fuel consumed in public offices. Messrs. Teackle, Lee, M-Mahon, Howard, Merrick, Spencer, Henderson, Millard, and Roberts, on so much thereof as relates to internal improvements.

Mr. Spencer presents petitions from Spedden Orem, and Thomas Townsend; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims. Mr. Hope presents a petition from Mary Charlton; and Mr. Norris presents a petition from John Griffin of Harford county, each praying for support; which was referred to Messrs. Hope, Norris and Montgomery. Mr. Henderson presents a petition from John Maloy, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Henderson, Grubb and Ewing.

Mr. Showers presents a petition from Rosanna Crowl, of Baltimore county, praying for a divorce; referred to the committee on that subject. On motion by Mr. Worthington, Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter the time of the meeting of the general assembly of Maryland, have a second reading on the 15th inst.

Mr. Dennis obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to reduce the number of trustees of Washington Academy in Somerset county. Ordered, That Messrs. Dennis, King and Teackle, report the same. Mr. M-Mahon presents a petition from Osborn Sprigg, praying a special act of insolvency, referred to Messrs. M-Mahon, Hoffman and Klipstine.

Mr. Merrick presents a petition from Captain David Smith, of Washington county, praying a regiment of Artillery may be organized in Frederick, Washington and Allegany counties; referred to the committee on the militia. On motion by Mr. Millard, the following order was read: Ordered, That the committee of claims be instructed to receive proposals for the printing of the daily proceedings of this house, and report the result as soon as practicable.

Mr. Speed moved the following as a substitute: Ordered, That the committee of claims be directed to receive proposals, and to contract on the best terms, for the printing of the daily proceedings of both branches of the legislature. And the question put, That the house assent to the same? Resolved in the affirmative. Mr. Kemp presents a petition from John Gomer, a revolutionary soldier; referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

The clerk of the Senate delivers the following message: BY THE SENATE, Dec. 15, 1824.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, The senate concur with your proposition to go into the election of register of wills for Worcester county, at 11 o'clock A. M. to day, as made in your message of yesterday. No additional nomination has been made in the senate. Messrs. Quinton and Kent, are appointed by the senate to unite with the committee from your house to count the ballots and report the result.

By order, W. KILTY, Clk. Which was read. The house proceeded to ballot for a register of wills for Worcester county. The ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentleman named to strike retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that Lemuel P. Spence was unanimously elected.

Whereupon resolved, That Lemuel P. Spence be, and he is hereby recommended to the Governor, to be commissioned as register of wills for Worcester county. On motion by Mr. Estep, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of real and personal property in Anne Arundel county. Ordered, That Messrs. Estep, Gault and Carroll, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, Ordered, That a member be appointed by the speaker one of the committee of claims in the place of Mr. Bowles who is absent. Mr. Wootton was appointed. On motion by Mr. Worthington, Ordered, That a committee, to consist of seven members, be appointed by the chair, to report on all applications for the relief of the poor in the several counties in this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Worthington, John Edelen, Merrick, Dalrymple, Hopper, Henderson and Beall, be the said committee.

Mr. Estep obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate public ferries. Ordered, That Messrs. Estep, Gault and Wootton, report the same. Mr. Estep reports a bill. Mr. Tingle obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act requiring the judges of the county courts of the fourth judicial district of this state, to set apart certain days for the transaction of chancery business. Ordered, That Messrs. Tingle, Eccleston and Dennis, report the same.

Mr. Hooper reports a bill, entitled, An act for the support of Mary Adkins, and her son George Adkins, of Worcester county, which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate. Mr. Cromwell reports a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to introduce wholesome water into the city of Frederick; which was twice read, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Barnes reports a bill, entitled, An act authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of repairing the German Lutheran Church and school house in Frederick town, Maryland. Mr. Howard delivers the following report: The joint committee to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of the visit of General La Fayette, beg leave to report.

That they have considered the subject submitted to them, and recommend, in the strongest terms, that every testimonial of respect be paid to General La Fayette during his expected visit to this city, which the short period of preparation will enable the legislature to render. The committee will have ascertained that the contemplated arrangements of the citizens, at whose invitation the General will visit Annapolis, will so nearly occupy the whole days of Friday and Saturday, as to leave him little opportunity to receive attentions from the legislature.

The only means, therefore, of manifesting our grateful respects to the General, will be to convey to him an invitation to prolong his stay in the capital. This the committee recommend should be effected by the appointment of a joint committee of arrangement, to whom the whole subject shall be confided. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions. Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in common with their fellow citizens throughout the United States, they entertain the highest respect for the character of General La Fayette, whose