

teresting topic, further than to express our ardent hope that you may be able to perfect such a system as will be generally acceptable to the people, and promote the intellectual and moral improvement of the rising generation; and thereby conduce to the strength, energy and durability of our free institutions which are based upon the virtue and intelligence of the community.

Before we take leave of the subject of education, we must beg to be permitted to call the attention of the legislature to the situation of St. John's College, located immediately under their eye, in a healthy country, and amidst a polished society, which is beginning again to rank among the best seminaries of the country, having at this time five Professors, (one having been added during the present year, of Mathematics, Civil Engineering and Military Tactics,) all of which are filled by gentlemen of high standing and character. There are many circumstances connected with the history of this institution—the Alma Mater of many of the most distinguished men which Maryland has produced—that make strong appeal to the bounty of the legislature. And although its present condition is prosperous, compared with what it has of late been, yet it has not so entirely recovered from its former depression, but that legislative aid is needed to enable it to extend its philosophical apparatus, and increase its library, would be very acceptable, and no doubt highly beneficial.

The alterations and amendments of the constitution, proposed by the act providing for the election of the governor by the people, and for abolishing the council, it does not become us to express any opinion. It was necessary to enable you to consummate them, that they should be published for the information of the people, at least three months before the last election of delegates. No provision was made by law for the fulfilment of this constitutional requirement; but we deemed it our duty to cause the necessary publication to be made; and it was accordingly done, as we have before stated. Yet, nevertheless, the power, if, in your wisdom and judgment, enlightened by the opinions and wishes of your constituents, you deem it advisable, to confirm and adopt the aforesaid alterations and amendments, as parts of the constitution.

We submit for your consideration, copies of a correspondence between the Clerk of the Council, by our direction, and the Attorney General, by which you will be informed, that no legal provision exists for requiring or receiving bonds from the lottery commissioners for the faithful performance of their duty; that there are several provisions relative to the bonding of other officers, but that the law is silent as to the bonding of the Lottery Commissioners, which is a defect in the constitution, which existing in persons to be elected or appointed to office, did not arise with such qualification required by act of assembly; and that such a qualification is now required by an existing act.

We embrace this occasion to invite your attention to a complaint which is often made of great difficulty and perplexity in ascertaining the existing operative provisions of our laws. It appears to us that the difficulty we have mentioned, arises principally, if not entirely, from a system or custom which seems to have long prevailed in our legislation, of inserting as a concluding section of most of our acts of assembly, a provision, in general terms, repealing all pre-existing repugnant or inconsistent laws; under which, some of the most obscure legal questions arise in the ascertainment and determination of what pre-existing provisions are thus repealed, or whether certain acts or parts of acts are, or are not, left in force.

Such large sums of money pass through the hands of the lottery commissioners, that however much reliance ought to be placed in their integrity, yet prudence unquestionably dictates that they should be required to give bond, with ample security, for their faithful application. We recommend this subject to your attention, and respectfully suggest the propriety of a general revision of all the laws relative to the bonding of officers; the passage of a new law upon the subject, embracing all necessary provisions in one act, and the total repeal of all the present complicated laws on that subject.

It is manifestly desirable, that the laws should be certain, plain, and easily ascertained and understood: And it is believed that the abandonment of the practice we have mentioned, and upon the passage of all subsequent laws, repealing specifically such, or such parts of the then existing, as may be either inconsistent with, or rendered unnecessary thereby, would conduce to that object.

We see no necessity for requiring a property qualification to be possessed by tobacco inspectors, nor indeed ought such qualification to be required, as constituting a liability to any of them. And if being expunged from the constitution, we recommend that it be disposed of entirely.

Congress having lately turned its attention to the organization and discipline of the militia, in a manner that induces us to look forward for the happiest results to its exertions, will cause us, at this time, to refrain from interesting our remarks upon that interesting subject. The adjutant-general was enabled on the 27th day of February last, to make a return of the militia of this state to the adjutant-general of the United States, for the first time since 1811; making the whole number, according to the last previous returns to him, 40,091. This we consider, 10,000 short of the actual number of the militia of the state; and the returns of November last, are nearly as defective, although we took every step within our reach to have them full and complete.

We would suggest to the legislature the propriety of enacting some efficient provisions for enforcing the enrollment of the militia—rendered indispensably necessary, a well for the purpose of war, as to enable us to receive our full quota of arms from the United States, under the act of congress, providing for arming the whole body of the militia.

The state of our financial concerns will be laid before you by the treasurer of the western shore, in conformity with the requisitions of the law on that subject. The sum remaining in the treasury, on the first day of the present month, (the end of our fiscal year) is very nearly the same as at the end of the last year, although payments to a considerable amount have been made for other purposes than the ordinary current demands of the year.

In the course of the summer we caused further examination to be made into the accounts of expenditures during the late war, and obtained an allowance and payment by the United States, of \$10,424 49 cents on account of principal, and \$1,950 59 cents interest on that sum, making together \$12,375 08 cents. A considerable balance yet remains unliquidated for want of vouchers.

The foreign relations of the country, and many other important concerns, deeply interesting to the people of Maryland, in common with those of our sister states, being committed by the Constitution of the United States to the superintendance and management of the national authority, and having full confidence in the ability, experience, patriotism and integrity of the distinguished statesmen to whom that authority is confided, we shall not step from our limited sphere of action, to examine minutely into those general concerns.

We have the gratification of knowing, generally, that we are in the enjoyment of peace with all the world, and of civil and religious liberty, in the fullest extent—with all the powers of government emanating from the people, (the only legitimate source)—and all the public functionaries amenable to them, for the exercise of their delegated trusts;—with an abundance of the necessaries and comforts of human life and enjoyment, generally diffused through all ranks of society;—and with all the great interests of the country, cherished and protected with an exclusive view to the national prosperity and general welfare. And whilst our hearts are warmed with gratitude to Almighty God for those various blessings, naturally and unavoidably revert to the recent most astonishing occurrence of the death, on the fifth anniversary of our national existence, of the two great Apostles of Liberty, most distinguished in the Declaration of our Independence;—the one as its author, and the other as its most eminent advocate. On the last National Jubilee, Jefferson and Adams both paid the great debt of nature, and whilst a grateful people were assembled round their five boards, and in the fullness of their hearts, pouring out their feelings of admiration of the great benefactors, and their revolutionary patriotism, they passed from the scene of their mortal existence, to the judgment seat of all the earth; and we humbly trust that their sentence was "well done good and faithful servants—enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

With our most sincere wishes that the result of your deliberations may redound to your own honour, and promote the substantial interests and permanent welfare of your constituents, and with an assurance of our cordial co-operation in all measures calculated to promote those ends, We have the honour to be with the highest consideration, your obedient servants, JOSEPH KENT.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND. HOUSE OF DELEGATES. Wednesday, Dec 27. LEAVES.

Mr. Speed to report a bill for the relief of certain minors. Mr. J. W. Thomas, to report a bill for changing the constitution, as relating to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, and to give to each county, and to the city of Baltimore, one senator, to be elected immediately by the people.

Mr. Bennett, to report a bill respecting crimes and punishments. Mr. Stricker, to report a bill to alter the constitution, so as to increase the delegation of the city of Baltimore, to the same number as from each county of the state.

Mr. Tyson, to report a supplement to the act incorporating the

Sasquehanna and Patuxent Canal Company. Mr. Buchanan, to report a bill respecting the proceedings of the levy courts of the several counties of the state.

Mr. Peach, to report a bill to repeal the act of last session, repealing the tax on amerciaments, and substituting a tax on plaintiffs. Mr. Duvall, to report a supplement to the act, to provide for the public instruction of youth in this state.

Mr. Bennett, to report a bill to change the constitution in relation to the delegation from the counties and the city of Annapolis. Mr. Ridgway, to report a bill to confirm the act of last session, for changing the constitution, so that the governor shall be elected by the people, and to abolish the council.

Mr. Turner, to report a bill for extending the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in this state. Mr. Thompson to report a bill for the destruction of crows on Bohemia Manor, in Cecil county.

Mr. Montgomery, to report a bill respecting replevins, and for other purposes. Mr. Goldsborough to report a bill for repealing the act of 1824, directing the judges of the 4th judicial district to set apart certain days for the transaction of chancery business, so far as the same relates to Dorchester county.

Mr. Bennett offered the following preamble and resolutions: Whereas, the government of the United States have in various instances appropriated for the promotion of public instruction in many of the states, large tracts of the public lands. And, whereas, the state of Maryland was one of the original thirteen states, which so liberally expended the blood and treasure of their citizens in that glorious contest that gave freedom to this favoured land. Therefore,

Resolved, That the state of Maryland is justly entitled to a fair and equitable portion of the public lands of the United States for the purpose of General Instruction and Education.

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in Congress, be requested to use their best efforts to obtain for the state of Maryland a grant of lands for the above purpose.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, a copy of the preceding preamble and resolutions.

Thursday, Dec. 28. PETITIONS. Mr. Tyson presents petitions from Michael D. Young; Rebecca Thrush; Lucinda D. Lusby; and David Green. Mr. Buchanan—from Sophia Porter, and Mr. Barnes—from Adam Thayer, each for divorce. Mr. Chapman—from sundry citizens of Charles county, relative to recorded papers in the orphan court of that county. Mr. Goldsborough—from John Wheeler, that a deed from Elizabeth Goldsborough—from Thos. Brearwood and Wm. Ridgway, for remuneration for attending a trial in Allegany county court. Mr. Duvall—from William Denon, for relief. Mr. Nicholson—from Hannah Gregory. Mr. Duvall—from David Duvall. Mr. Saulsbury—from Jesse Cox—severally for pecuniary relief. Mr. Tyson—from James H. M. Cullough and others trustees of the Third Presbyterian church, for a lottery. Mr. Tyson—from the members of the Old Fellows Society, for incorporation. Mr. Barnes—from Mary Ann and Boyle Travese, for authority to a trustee to sell certain property. Mr. Teackle—from Dorchester county for a confirmation of the act of 1825, relating to election districts in said county. Mr. Norris—from James Holly Howard, praying his name may be changed to James Walter Holly. Mr. Norris reports said bill. Mr. Montgomery—from Gen. St. Clair, for relief. Mr. Farquhar—from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that that county be divided into 12 election districts.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying for the removal of obstructions to the navigation of rivers therein mentioned. Mr. J. W. Thomas has leave of absence.

Revolutionary Petitions. Mr. Goldsborough, from Nehemiah Beckwith and Mary Moore. Mr. Stricker, from Jacob Oldham. Mr. Duvall, from Mountjoy Bailey. Mr. Farquhar, from Benjamin Fick.

Mr. Bishop, from Walter Frost—referred to the committee on revolutionary claims.

On motion by Mr. Millard, to report a bill to enlarge the powers of the levy courts of the several counties of this state. Mr. Speed to report a bill, to repeal the act laying a tax on certain officers.

Mr. Gantt to report a bill to establish election district courts, in this state. Mr. Tyson to report a bill, to provide for a new assessment in the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Barnes to bring in a bill, to aid free persons of colour in emigrating to Liberia. On motion of Mr. Ed. Hughes, to report a bill, directing the manner of settling disputes relative to officers fees and for other purposes.

Mr. Thompson to report a bill, for the more speedy collection of small debts out of court. Mr. Buchanan to report a bill for regulating divorces, referred to the committee on divorces.

On motion of Mr. Chapman Ordered, that the treasurer of the Western Shore report to this house, as soon as practicable, the amount of revenue received during the fiscal year ending on the 1st of December 1826, from each of the several offices of the state, under the provisions of the act passed at December session, 1823, entitled, A act to tax certain offices.

Mr. Peach reports a bill, for repealing the act of last session laying a tax on amerciaments, and substituting a tax on plaintiffs. Mr. Hope submitted an order respecting the Bell Air Academy.

On motion of Mr. Farquhar, a resolution passed, directing the treasurer to pay the members of the electoral college, and the members of this legislature, such sums as may appear respectively due to them.

Friday, Dec. 29. The Speaker laid before the house a communication from G. P. Carr, Assistant Clerk, accompanied by the draft of a bill for the regulation of officers' fees, prepared under the authority of Resolution No. 59, of last session.

Mr. Chapman moved that the same be referred to a select committee of five, to be appointed by the speaker. Agreed to.

The Speaker announced Messrs. Chapman, Brooke, Stevens, Hall and Bennett, as the said committee.

LEAVES. Mr. Hughes to report a bill regulating the service of process by constables. Mr. Peach—relating to the importation of tobacco in the city of Baltimore, to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject, and for other purposes.

Mr. J. Hughes—regulating fences in Charles county. Mr. Wright—to alter the name of James Mids, of Dorchester county, to James Applegarth.

Mr. Bennett—relating to the swearing of petit jurors. Mr. Deany—on the relief of the several counties of this state.

Mr. Samuel R. Smith—for the relief of Mary Hall, of Worcester county. Mr. Turner—to change the mode of appointing the levy court of Baltimore, so that it may be elected by the people.

Mr. Chapman—to alter the time for the transaction of equity business in the county courts of the first judicial district. Which was reported, passed, & sent to the senate.

Mr. Gantt—to report and amend so much of the law for the relief of the poor, as directs the infliction of corporal punishment. Mr. Brooke—to secure to those who apprehend absconding slaves and servants, rewards offered by their masters, &c.

PETITIONS PRESENTED. By Mr. Hope—from Charles Robinson and Asael Hitchcock, for pensions. Mr. Tidball—from Elizabeth Smith, Mr. Sappington from Catharine Will for support. Mr. Wright from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester, relative to draining lands. Mr. Armstrong—from Christian Hershberger, to record a deed; also from John T. Barnes, and Isaac Sweet, freemen of colour. Mr. Brooke, from John Cullumbers, to change his name to Williams. Mr. Hope, from Thomas St. Clair, and others, to appoint commissioners on a road. Mr. Tidball, for a new assessment in Washington county. Mr. Ridgely, from Thomas Stallings, security for a former sheriff, for relief.

BILLS REPORTED. By Mr. Goldsborough—to repeal an act requiring the judges of the fourth judicial district, to set apart certain days for transacting chancery business, so far as relates to Dorchester.

Mr. Brooke—to change the name of John Cullumbers, his wife and daughter, passed, and sent to the senate. Mr. Buchanan—A supplement to the act to provide for a new assessment, and to appoint collectors of county tax, in and for the city and county of Baltimore.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, December 30. **PETITIONS GRANTED.** Mr. Ridgey—from Benj. Tomlinson, to be permitted to exercise a right of way over the road from Washington county, to erect a bridge over Conococheague creek. Mr. Buchanan, a bill for the removal of the Treasurers office, from the residence of George Bush, Mr. J. D. Smith, from Henry Davis, Mr. Farquhar from Elizabeth Fink, with her address. Mr. Jones from James D. Hill, and Mr. C. Hill from Elizabeth Deeds, each for pecuniary relief.

LEAVES GRANTED. Mr. F. Hughes to write a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

MONDAY, January 1, 1827. The clerk of the house presented a communication from John C. W. Wood, of the city of Baltimore, relative to the sale of the public lands in the city of Baltimore, and the sale of the public lands in the city of Baltimore, and the sale of the public lands in the city of Baltimore.

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TUESDAY, January 2. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

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WEDNESDAY, January 3. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

THURSDAY, January 4. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

FRIDAY, January 5. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

SATURDAY, January 6. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

SUNDAY, January 7. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

MONDAY, January 8. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

TUESDAY, January 9. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

WEDNESDAY, January 10. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

THURSDAY, January 11. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

FRIDAY, January 12. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

SATURDAY, January 13. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

SUNDAY, January 14. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

MONDAY, January 15. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

TUESDAY, January 16. Mr. H. Hughes presented a bill for the power of the courts of the poor as mentioned in the act of the 10th of December 1826. Mr. J. W. Thomas to attend to the business of the Treasury office, in the city of Annapolis, in relation to the sale of the public lands.

Notice. The quarterly examination of the Students in St. John's College will commence on the 10th instant. The senior class, prior to graduation, will be examined on the 11th, 12th, and 15th instant, the examination to begin each day at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Governors and Visitors of the College, the Parents and Guardians of the Students, and all interested in the prosperity of the Institution, are invited to attend. January 3d, 1827.

Thomas G. Waters, Begs leave to inform his friends & the public, that having enlarged his store, he has received an additional supply of Groceries, Fruits, &c. Also a variety of China & Stone Ware. He has now and intends keeping on hand

Shorts, Oats, Meal, Best Family Flour & Roll Butter. His present supply of Butter, in quantity, is not surpassed by any in this city.

He invites the attention of his friends to his assortment, and confidently believes he can sell as low as others for Cash. N. B. Groceries given in exchange for grain. Jan 3. 3w.

BESTORATEUR. Charles Hanson, PRINCE-GEORGE'S STREET. Begs leave respectfully to inform the citizens of Annapolis, that he has opened, and will keep an

Oyster House DURING THE PRESENT SEASON at his dwelling in PRINCE-GEORGE'S ST. next door to Mrs. Lucy Smith's; where individuals, or private parties can be handsomely accommodated with roast, stewed, fried, and raw oysters, also terrapins and beef with low in season, sausage and beef steaks. All of which shall be served up at the shortest notice, and in the best style. He solicits a share of public patronage, and trusts that his assiduous attention to please the taste of his visitors, will entitle him to their consideration.

FOR SALE. The best Philadelphia Porter, Ale and Beer. Jan. 3. 3w.

Sheriff's Sales. By virtue of sundry writs of fieri facias, issued out of Anne Arundel county court, and court of appeals, and to me directed, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of George Plains, at suit of George Barber, surviving partner of John T. Barber, and Edward Priestly I have seized and taken in execution, all the right title, interest, property claim and demand, of the said George Plains, either at law or in equity, to all that lot of ground lying in the city of Annapolis, with the improvements thereon, consisting of an excellent brick house, being the same property whereon the said George Plains now resides, and on Wednesday the 24th day of January inst at the premises, I shall proceed to sell the said property to the highest bidder, for cash, to satisfy the debt due as aforesaid. Sale to commence at eleven o'clock. H. Welch, of Ben. Sheriff A. A. County. January 4.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of Anne Arundel county court, and to me directed, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements, of Benjamin Owens, surviving partner of John Welch, at suit of Benjamin M. Coney, I have seized and taken in execution, all the right title, interest, property, claim and demand, either at law, or in equity, of the said Benjamin Owens, in and to all that tract of land called "Runny Mead," containing three hundred and fifty acres of land, more or less, also Sixteen Valuable Slaves, consisting of Men, Women and Boys, ten head of Cattle, ten head Horses, Sheep and Hogs, one Ox Cart, one Gig, and Harness, one Wagon, and a quantity of Indian Corn, and on Thursday the 28th day of January inst, at the premises, I shall proceed to sell the said property to the highest bidder, for cash, to satisfy the debt due as aforesaid. Sale to commence at eleven o'clock. R. Welch, of Ben. Sheriff A. A. County. Jan 4. A. A. County.

NEGROES. Several healthy Negroes are wanted on hire by the year, from 15 to 25 years of age, to be employed in our Chemical Factory, in the neighbourhood of Baltimore. We shall expect them to be delivered to us in Baltimore, in good condition. Those need be offered to us, but faithful, able bodied men. Application to be made to us by letter. W. Kim, Agent & Co. Baltimore. January 4.

HYMENEAL. Married, in Baltimore, on the 27th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Hoskin, Mr. JOHN ARMISTON to Miss ELLEN WOODWARD, both of this city.

On Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Davis, Mr. JAMES MILLER, of the county, to Miss JOHNSON, eldest daughter of Mr. JOHN QUINN, of this city.