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**FIRST QUALITY
Family Flour!**
also,
**Buck-wheat & Rye
FLOURS.**

**Corn Meal, & Corn,
For sale by
SHAW & CLUDE,
January 15.**

**Bryan & Bassford,
Merchant Tailors,**
Just received a large and hand
some assortment of

COATS AND CASSIMERES,
consisting of some of the best
**Blue, Black, Olive, Green,
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And a variety of handsome
VESTINGS,
of the LATEST FASHIONS.
which they will be happy to make up
for their friends in the best style, and
at the lowest price.

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Of the latest fashions, with an
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Stocks, Gloves, Collars & Suspenders
all of which he will sell for Cash
at punctual and moderate rates.
Sept. 18.

100 Dollars Reward.

Ran away from the farm of the late
Jonathan Pinkney, Esq.
near Annapolis, two negroes,
one named **JIM
WOOTEN,** aged
about thirty years, five
feet ten inches high, and
of a bright complexion.

The other named **BEN
NOWDEN,** about 19
years old, five feet
eight inches high, very black
and walks a little lame.
It is supposed that these
negroes went away in company with
a white mulatto man named Henry
Wallace, belonging to Mrs. Juliana
Price. The clothing of the above
negroes is not known. A reward of
fifty dollars will be given for the
apprehension of the two negroes, or
twenty dollars for each, if taken
within this state, and secured in
jail so that I get them
again, or one hundred dollars for
both, if taken out of the
state.

PERSONS
Who have borrowed any Books
from the late Jonathan Pink-
ney, are requested to return them to
the office of the subscriber.
Som. Pinkney.
Jan. 17.

Caution
The subscribers having sustained
considerable damage by free Negroes
trespassing on their farms, on the head
of South River, hereby notify that
they are determined to enforce the law
against all coloured persons who may
be guilty of trespassing thereon.

William Legg,
Charles Webb,
Jan. 20.

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Legislature of Maryland.

House of Delegates.

MONDAY, February 3, 1829.

The house met. Were present the same members as on Saturday, except the honourable Mr. Chapman, the Speaker. Whereupon,

Mr. Watkins presented a petition of Ann Griffin, of the city of Annapolis, praying for pecuniary relief, in consideration of her inability to support herself and infant child, which was referred to the committee on that subject.

Mr. McMahon, of Baltimore city, presented a petition of William Scharf, of Baltimore city, praying for relief from a certain judgment obtained against him by the state of Maryland; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. McMahon, of Baltimore city, Turner, of Baltimore county, and Ely.

Mr. McMahon of Allegany, presented a petition of Jesse Tomlinson of Benjamin, of Allegany county, praying that his title and right of property to a certain negro girl therein named, may be confirmed and made valid; which petition was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. McMahon of Allegany, Buskirk and Dilly.

Mr. Beckett presented a petition of Marsham Parker, a former sheriff of Calvert county, praying to be allowed further time to complete his collections; which petition was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Beckett, Turner of Calvert, and Billingsley. And

Mr. Turner of Calvert, presented a petition of John Clure, of Calvert county, praying for the passage of a law appointing a trustee to effectuate a contract therein mentioned made by a certain Walter Smith, late of said county, deceased, with the petitioner; which petition was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Turner of Calvert, Billingsley and Smith of Calvert.

On motion by Mr. Lee, it was Ordered, That the governor and council be respectfully requested to ascertain from the president and directors of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company the state of progress of that work, its expenditures up to the first of January 1829, and the probable cost and period of its completion.

On motion by Mr. Lee, it was Ordered, That the governor and council be respectfully requested to ascertain from the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal company the actual state of progress of that work, the prospect of its completion, its expenditures up to the first of January 1829, and the probable cost and period of completion of the canal and its works.

Mr. Johns asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to take the sense of the people on the expediency of electing one senator from each county in the state and one from the city of Baltimore.

And on his motion, it was Ordered, That a select committee of seven members be appointed by the speaker, to prepare and report said bill.

Messrs. Johns, Ely, Mercer, Rogerson, Harcastle of Caroline, Teackle and Gough, were appointed the said committee pursuant to the order.

The hour appointed by the rules of the house, for taking up the orders of the day, having arrived,
The house proceeded to consider the order of the day in reference to the bill reported by Mr. Phelps, entitled, An act to regulate the mode of granting divorces, and of ascertaining the nullity of marriages.

The said bill having been read throughout,
Mr. Grason moved to amend the same by inserting at the end thereof, as an additional section, the following:
"And be it enacted, That the operation of this act shall not extend to Queen-Anne's county."

Mr. Blakistone moved to amend the said amendment by adding thereto, "Saint Mary's county," so as to exclude that county likewise from the operation of the law, should the bill be passed.

Mr. Kemp also moved to add Frederick.
Mr. Willes also moved to add Caroline.
Mr. Ely also moved to add Baltimore county.
Mr. Gantt also moved to add Prince-George's.
Mr. Johns also moved to add Harford.
Mr. Mercer also moved to add Cecil.
Mr. McMahon of Allegany, also moved to add Allegany.
Mr. Mercer then moved, That the further consideration of said bill, with the proposed amendments, be referred to the next general assembly?

And the question thereon being taken, was resolved in the affirmative. Yeas 37, Nays 30.
The house proceeded to consider the order of the day, as regards the bill reported by Mr. Teackle, as chairman of the committee on education, entitled, An act supplemental to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the public instruction of youth, in Primary Schools, throughout this state, and being read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Buskirk, the said bill was laid on the table.
The house proceeded to consider the order of the day, as regards the bill reported by Mr. Teackle, as chairman of the committee on education, entitled, An act to assign and appropriate certain revenues for the support of public instruction, in Primary Schools, of all the youth throughout this state; and in the progress of the second reading thereof,
On motion by Mr. Teackle, the said bill was laid on the table.

On motion by Mr. Burchenal, the house proceeded to consider the bill, reported by him, entitled, An act to authorise the issuing of attachments by justices of the peace, for the recovery of small debts.
And in the progress of the second reading thereof,
On motion by Mr. Burchenal, the said bill was amended, by striking from the first section thereof, these words, "with intent to evade the payment of his or her debts," in the sixth and seventh lines of that section, in the manuscript.

Mr. Burchenal moved further to amend the said section, by striking therefrom these words, "with intent to evade the payment of his or her debts," in the 17th and 18th lines thereof, in the manuscript.

And the question thereon being taken, was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Burchenal, seconded by two other members, who voted with him in the majority on the question, the house agreed to reconsider the vote on his first motion to amend the bill; when he asked and obtained permission of the house to withdraw said amendment, and to re-strict the words which had been stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Stuart of Baltimore city, the said bill was amended by inserting therein, at the end of the second section, the following proviso:
Provided nevertheless, That in case said attachment is not laid on perishable property, then it shall be the duty of the said justice to extend and enlarge the return day for sixty days longer.

Mr. McMahon of Baltimore city, moved further to amend the said bill, by appending to the fourth section thereof, the following proviso:
Provided always, That before any execution shall be issued upon judgments founded under this act, the plaintiff or plaintiffs in whose favour any such judgment shall be rendered, shall give bond with security to be approved of by the justice rendering the same, to be taken in the name of the absent debtor or debtors, and to be conditioned that if the absent debtor or debtors, or his, her or their legal representative or representatives, shall appear before the said justice, if living and in commission as a justice of the peace, or if not before some other justice of the peace of the same city or county, as the case may be, within 12 months after the rendition of said judgment, and after due notice given to the plaintiff or plaintiffs, or his, her or their legal representatives, shall prove to the satisfaction of the said justice that the debt for which such judgment was rendered, or any part thereof was not due, or had been in anywise satisfied or discharged, that the plaintiff or plaintiffs, or his, her or their legal representative or representatives, as the case may be, will restore and pay back to the said debtor or debtors, or his, her or their legal representatives, as the case may be, the sum so appearing to said justice not to be due, or to have been in anywise discharged or satisfied at the time of rendering the judgment upon the attachment, and which may have been collected by execution upon such judgment.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That in all such cases of appearances after judgment, and within the year, the justice before whom the party so appears shall render judgment of restitution against the plaintiff or plaintiffs, or his, her or their legal representatives, (after due notice to the same by summons,) in favour of the absent debtor, or his, her or their legal representatives, for the amount which may have been recovered upon the judgment on the attachment, and which may appear to him not to have been due, or to have been in anywise satisfied at the time of rendering the original judgment.

Pending the question thereon,
On motion by Mr. Smith of Worcester,
The house adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 3, 1829.

Mr. Hook presented a petition of sundry citizens of Anne-Arundel county, counter to the petition of sundry inhabitants of the same county, praying for a law to authorise William Krebs and Thomas Cross to build a bridge over Severn river.

Mr. Price presented a memorial of a number of the taxable inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for the passage of an act to provide for building a bridge over the Great Gunpowder Falls at Jessop's mill.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be severally referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Gittings presented a petition of Elizabeth Hayes of Montgomery county, praying the passage of an act authorising the levy court of said county, to levy such sum for her support, as may seem right and proper.

Mr. Roach presented a petition of Patience Worrington, of Worcester county, praying a law may pass authorising the levy court of said county, to levy annually for her use, during her natural life and needy state, such sum as may seem necessary for her support.

And also, a petition of Polly Livingston of the same county, the object of which is similar to that of the petition last mentioned.

Mr. Gale presented a petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying that a law may pass authorising the county commissioners to levy annually on said county, such sum as may be deemed sufficient for the support of a certain John Carnan, of said county.

Ordered, That the four last mentioned petitions be severally referred to the committee on the subject to which they respectively relate.

Mr. Mercer presented a petition from Hyland B. Pennington, Alfred C. Nowland and others, of Cecil county, praying the enactment of a law for the further increase and extension of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace; which was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Also, a memorial from Hyland B. Pennington, Alfred C. Nowland and others, of Cecil county, praying for a modification of the act passed at the last session of the legislature, for the regulation of licenses to retailers, &c. called the License Law; which memorial was referred to the committee on ways and means.

And, a petition from Hyland B. Pennington, Alfred C. Nowland and others, of Cecil county, praying the enactment of a law for the encouragement of the destruction of crows, in said county; which petition was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Mercer, Evans and Gale.

town, in Kent county, and for other purposes, and praying, that instead of repealing the said act, a supplementary act thereto, may be passed, for remedying the evils complained of in the said memorial which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Hynson, Wallis and Osborn.

Mr. Grason presented a petition of Richard J. Jones, of the city of Annapolis, praying for a modification of the law relating to gates erected across the public roads in Queen-Anne's county; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Grason, Turpin, and Wright of Queen Anne's.

Mr. M'Pherson presented a petition of Philip Markley, of Frederick county, praying to be released from imprisonment, having been committed to goal in consequence of his inability to pay the fine and fees incurred for committing an assault and battery which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. M'Pherson, Shriver and Kemp.

Mr. Shriver presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying for a law authorising and requiring the levy court of said county, to levy, from time to time, a sum or sums of money for the purpose of keeping in repair a certain road therein mentioned; which memorial was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Shriver, Kemp and M'Pherson. And,

Mr. Eccleston presented a petition from sundry citizens of the town of Cambridge, in Dorchester county, praying for the passage of an additional supplement to the act for the regulation and improvement of said town, to remedy the evils therein complained of; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Eccleston, Phelps, and Harcastle of Dorchester.

On motion by Mr. Wright of Dorchester, it was Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice, be directed to inquire into the legality of the practice heretofore and now pursued, as well by the executors and administrators of deceased persons, as by other persons, of dividing large debts, claims, or sums of money, into smaller; and of taking and giving two or more promissory notes, or bills obligatory, for the payment of the same, for the purpose of bringing said debts, claims or sums, by such division, or arrangement, within the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace, with a view to expedite and facilitate the collection thereof; and if the said practice, on enquiry, should be found to have been illegal, to report to this house a bill, providing, that for the future, it shall and may be lawful, in all cases where the parties can agree, for an executor, administrator, or other person or persons, to make such divisions, and to give or take such promissory notes, bills obligatory, or other evidences of debt.

Mr. Done, chairman of the committee on ways and means, delivered the following report:
The committee of ways and means which was ordered to inquire into the expediency of laying a moderate tax by way of license upon all pleasure carriages, take leave to report—That they have had the same under their serious consideration, and think it inexpedient at this time to recommend the passage of any law on the subject.

In the early part of the present session, the chairman (at that time) of your committee, submitted to the house the project of a law to provide for a general valuation and assessment of property in this state, intended to be based upon the principle laid down in the bill of rights, "that every person in the state ought to contribute his proportion of public taxes for the support of government, according to his actual worth in real or personal property within this state."

Your committee consider it due to themselves to state, that although they entirely concurred with their former chairman in the principle which that law was intended to establish and enforce, they differed with him as to the details of the bill which was presented by him; and the committee has learned that it has occasioned some surprise that the law should purport to come from a committee, a majority of which were opposed to it. To explain this circumstance, your committee will further state, that the law in question was the same which occupied a large portion of the last session of the legislature—that it had by repeated votes received the sanction of a large majority of the popular branch—that by a resolution of the house it was appended to the proceedings of the house of delegates, for the consideration of the people—that a number of the most experienced and influential members of the present house had expressed their determination to pass the law in the precise shape it was formerly acted on, and had come from their constituents with that pledge—that your committee were led to believe that a large majority of the present house were of the same determination, and that whether they consented or not, the bill would in that shape be presented to the house.

Under these circumstances, and from a high respect for those members of your committee who reported and advocated the measure at the last session, they authorised the chairman to report it, with an express understanding that they were not thereby precluded from taking any course they might think proper, when the subject came up for the consideration of the house.

Contrary to the general expectation, it has been now ascertained that the bill is not as popular with the members of the present as it was with those of the former house of delegates, and that it is doubted whether, if it can be passed at all, it will not be with some very important modifications. The subject is, however, still before the house, and until it is disposed of your committee consider it premature to recommend a tax on any species of property embraced within the details of that bill, and which will be subject to its provisions.

If a general assessment law should be passed with a view to laying a direct tax, it will certainly not be proper to extend the system to any specific property, unless it should be exempted or omitted in that law—a sum sufficient to cover the deficit in the treasury, and to establish the credit of the state, can be raised without being felt by the people, let the shape of the law be almost what it will, and your committee without hesitation, express their conviction that an assessment law, properly framed upon correct principles, is the most just and the least objectionable mode of levying and collecting such a revenue as the exigencies of the state may require. If however, it should be the pleasure of the house not to pass any such law as that contemplated, your committee will immediately report such measures, as in their judgment will provide a revenue adequate to the wants of the present period.

Your committee would, however, very respectfully urge the house to immediate attention to this important subject—

(See last page.)