bove mentioned have not been drawn; but it is also believed that several others numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10, have been proposed and drawn by *Mr.* Canfield.

The laws appear to us to be defective in not making any provision for ascertaining the amount of the schemes that may be drawn under the authority which they confer, or determining when the rights they grant may be extinguished. They do not appear to be framed in such manner as to express distinctly and clearly the nature or extent of the rights they confer; but whether their ambiguity is such as that fraud or injury to the state may be committed under colour of them, with impunity, we beg leave respectfully to submit to the legislature, the proper authority to determine upon the subject, and apply a remedy, if found necessary.

We have the honour to remain,
With the highest consideration,
Your ob. servts.

Danl. Martin.

Ordered, That the said communications be referred to the committee on ways and means.

The Speaker also announced the message, received on Saturday last from the senate, returning the bill of this house, entitled, An act for the relief of Walter Cross, of Anne-Arundel county, endorsed, 'will not pass.'

Mr. Townsend submitted the following order:

Ordered, That for the purpose of expediting the business now before the house, and bringing the session to a close at the time proposed, the house convene at 7 o'clock in the evening during the remainder of the session.

Which being twice read,

On motion by Mr. Beckett, it was amended, by striking out '7', and inserting '6,' and also by adding at the end thereof, these words, 'for the transaction of local business only.'

The said order thus amended, was then adopted.

Mr. Hughlett asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the levy courts of the several counties in this state.

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

Messrs. Hughlett, Done, M'Mahon of Baltimore city, Hughes and Burchenal were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. Stewart of Anne Arundel, from the committee on claims, delivered the following report; which was read and laid on the table, viz:

The committee on claims, to whom was referred the order of this house, of the 12th ult. instructing them to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the purchase and preservation of stationary and fuel, for the use of the legislature, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the accompanying resolution and bills.

By order, Richd J. Bowie, Clk.

The said report was accompanied by the following resolution, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz:

By the House of Delegates, February 23d, 1829.

Resolved, That from and after the passage of this resolution, the Librarian of this state, for the time being, be and he is hereby appointed one of the committee clerks of the house of delegates, and from and after the present session, he shall act as clerk to the committee on claims, and perform in all other respects, the duties of a committee clerk; and that from and after the present session the house of delegates shall appoint but four committee clerks.

And, also by two several bills of the following titles:

An act authorising the purchase of stationary for the use of the legislature, and for other purposes therein mentioned. And,

An act to provide for the purchase and preservation of the fuel for the use of the state.

Which said bills, being severally read the first time, were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Osborn, chairmain of the select committee to which the subject had been referred, reported a bill, entitled, An act to establish a bank, and incorporate a company under the name of The Commercial Bank of Millington, in Kent county.

Mr. Miller, chairman of the select committee appointed on the subject, reported a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act for the protection of sheep in the several counties in this state, and for other purposes.

Mr. Steuart of Baltimore city, chairman of the select committee, appointed on the subject, reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the appointment of special justices of the peace, in the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Semmes, chairman of the select committee, to which the subject had been referred, reported a bill, entitled, "An act to prevent the assemblage of persons of colour in Prince George's county.

The house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of Saturday last, in reference to the message then received from the senate, returning the bills of the following titles:

An act to provide for electing commissioners for Washington county, and prescribing their powers and duties.

An act to divorce Eliza Howell, and her husband Isaac Howell, of Washington county. And,

An act to make valid certain proceedings of Thomas H. Hicks, late sheriff and collector of Dorchester county; severally endorsed, 'will pass, with the proposed amendment.'

And the question depending in regard to the amendment proposed by the senate to the first mentioned of said bills, recurred, and being stated, viz. Will the house assent to the said proposed amendment?

On motion by *Mr.* Blakistone, the said amendment, with the said bill, was laid on the table.

The amendment proposed by the senate to each of the other two of said bills, were then taken up for consideration, read the first, and by a special order, the second time, and severally assented to.

Ordered, That the two last mentioned bills be severally engrossed.

On motion by *Mr.* Semmes, the house proceeded to consider the report made on Saturday last, from the committee of the whole house, to which had been committed and recommitted the two several bills reported from the committee on ways and means, each entitled, An act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this state, with the amendments adopted and reported by the committee of the whole house on the 31st ultimo, to the bill recommitted.

The said report being read and considered the amendments adopted in committee of the whole house, and by the said committee reported to the house on Saturday last, were severally concurred in by the house.

The bill, reported by the committee of the whole house, to which it had been committed as before mentioned, entitled, An act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this state, (being the bill originally reported on the 9th instant by Mr. Done, as chairman of the committee on ways and means,) was taken up for consideration. And, in the progress of the second reading thereof,

On motion by Mr. Gibson the second section of said bill was amended by striking therefrom, these words, 'government securities of every sort, either of the state or the United States,' in the 13th and 14th lines of that section, in the printed bill.

Mr. Turner of Baltimore county, moved to amend the third section of the bill, by erasing therefrom these words, 'provisions necessary for the use of the person to whom the same shall belong, and his family, for the year,' in the 6th and 7th lines of that section.

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

Mr. Turner of Baltimore county, then moved to amend the third section of the bill, by erasing therefrom the words 'for the year,' in the seventh line of that section.

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

Mr. Wright of Dorchester, moved to amend the third section of the bill, by inserting therein, after the words, 'all licensed or registered vessels whatever,' in the eleventh line of that section, in the printed bill, these words, 'and all vessels building or fitting before licensing.'

And on the question, Will the house agree to the amendment proposed? It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Done, seconded by two other members who voted with him in the majority on the question last taken, the house agreed to reconsider its vote thereon. When,

Mr. Done moved, that the words inserted, by the adoption of the amendment last proposed, be stricken out.

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

Mr. Burchenal moved further to amend the third section of the bill, by inserting therein, immediately after the above amendment, adopted on the motion of *Mr.* Wright of Dorchester, as above, the following words: 'and all houses, or other mechanical property in an unfinished state, and materials in the hands of mechanics, necessary to carry on their trade or occupation.'

Mr. Hughes offered as a substitute for the proposed amendment, the following: 'and materials of mechanics necessary to carry on their trade or occupation.'

Mr. Burchenal accepted the substitute offered, and by leave of the house, withdrew the amendment which he had proposed.

Mr. Wright of Queen-Anne's, moved to amend the substitute, so offered and accepted, by adding at the end thereof, these words, 'and also the books and medicines of physicians, and the books of lawyers.'

On the question being put, Will the house adopt the amendment proposed by Mr. Wright of Queen-Anne's? It was determined in the negative.

And on the question being put, Will the house adopt the substitute offered by Mr. Hughes, and accepted by Mr. Burchenal, as above? It was also determined in the negative.

Mr. Grason then moved further to amend the third section of the bill, by inserting therein, immediately after the above amendment, adopted on the motion of Mr. Wright of Dorchester, as above, the following words: 'and every instrument of water or land carriage, and every implement or utensil, used in agriculture, manufactures, or any kind of trade, and remaining unfinished in the hands of the builder or maker of the same.'

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

Mr. Burchenal moved to amend the eighth section of the bill, by inserting therein, after the words, 'and shall appoint in their respective counties,' in the fifth line of that section, the following words: 'one or more assessors for each election district, at the discretion of the commissioners, or levy court, as the case may be.'

Mr. Blakistone called for the previous question; and the call being sustained by a majority of the members present,

The said previous question was put in the form prescribed by the rules of the house, to wit: Shall the main question be now put? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

The main question, being then put, to wit: Willl the house agree to the amendment proposed? It was determined in the negative.

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

Mr. Hughes moved to amend the bill, by striking out the eighth section thereof, contained in the following words:

'Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the tax in the several counties of this state shall meet at the place where the county courts are usually held in their respective counties, on the first Monday of April next, or as soon thereafter as they may have notice of this act; and shall appoint for their respective counties, three sensible and active persons to be assessors of the real and personal property in such county, which appointment, and the names of the assessors, shall be entered in the proceedings of the said commissioners in a book to be kept for that purpose, and the said commissioners shall immediately after such choice appoint a place and day not exceeding ten days thereafter, of which five days notice shall be given by some one of the commissioners, or their clerk, to each assessor, for the said assessors to appear before them, and at their appearance the said commissioners shall read, or cause to be read, to the said assessors, such parts of this act as relate to their duty, and also direct and advise them in what manner to make their assessment, and in what form to return their certificates thereof, and how to perform the several duties required of them by this act, and the said commissioners shall also appoint a place and day for the several assessors to appear and deliver in writing, the several valuations of property in their respective counties.'

And inserting in lieu thereof the following:

'And be it enacted, That the existing commissioners of the tax of the county, or such as may hereafter be appointed, according to law, as the case may be, in the several counties of this state, shall meet at the place where the county courts are usually held in their respective counties, on or before the first Monday of April next, or as soon thereafter as they may have notice of this act, and have received from the treasurer of the western shore, the instructions necessary for its execution, and divide their counties into districts of not less than three, nor more than twelve districts in any one county, according to the population and extent of the county, taking the election districts for that purpose, as far as the same may be deemed suitable and convenient; and shall appoint in each district, one sensible and active person to be assessor of the real and personal property in such district; and the said commissioners shall enter in a book, to be kept by them, the name of the person appointed assessor in each district, and shall immediately after such choice appoint a place and day, not exceeding ten days thereafter, of which five days notice shall be given by one of the commissioners to each assessor, for the said assessors to appear before them; and at their appearance the said commissioners shall read or cause to be read to the said assessors, such parts of this act as relate to their duty, and also direct and advise them in what manner to make their assessment, and in what form to return their certificates thereof, and how to perform the several duties required of them by this act, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and the instructions of the said treasurer to supply, which said instructions the said commissioners shall deliver to each and every of the said assessors; and the said commissioners shall also appoint a place and day, not to be more than three months thereafter, for the said assessors to appear and deliver in writing the several valuations of property in their respective districts, in pursuance of this act, and the instructions aforesaid; Provided, That the said commissioners may, in their discretion, assign the duties of two or more election districts, to any one assessor if they should think the said assessor competent to the faithful discharge of such duties in due and proper season, and that the public interest will be promoted thereby.'

And on the question will the house agree to the amendment proposed?

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Grason asked to be excused from further service as a member of the joint committee on engrossed bills. His request was granted by the house, and Mr. Oldson was appointed by the Speaker to supply the vacancy thereby occasioned.

Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city, also asked to be excused from further service as a member of the joint select committee on the subject of the chancery records. His application was granted by the house, and Mr. Wright of Queen-Anne's was appointed by the Speaker to supply the vacancy thereby occasioned.

On motion by Mr. Gantt, it was Ordered, That when this house adjourns, it will stand adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

Two several messages were received from the senate, by their clerk, which were delivered in at the Speaker's desk, but not announced or read to the house.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 24, 1829.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Steuart of Baltimore city, presented a petition of Victor D. Montalt, an imprisoned debtor in the jail of Baltimore county, praying that a special act of insolvency may be passed in his favour; which petition was referred to the committee on insolvency.

Mr. Kent presented a petition of Ann Tucker of Anne-Arundel county, praying that the commissioners of said county may be directed to levy a sum of money for her support.

Mr. Gaither presented a petition of Ann Elms of Montgomery county, praying that pecuniary relief may be afforded her as an out pensioner.

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

Mr. Turner of Baltimore county, presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that a law may be passed directing the commissioners of said county to make compensation to a certain John Merryman, (of Benjamin,) for his services in repairing a certain public road, therein mentioned; which memorial was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Ely presented a petition of sundry citizens of Baltimore county, praying that the commissioners of said county may be authorised to levy a sum of money sufficient to repair the bridge over the Patapsco Falls on the Liberty road, in said county; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Ely, Price and Shower.

On motion by Mr. Lee, it was Ordered, That the committee on internal improvement have leave to sit during the sitting of the house.

Mr. Wright of Dorchester, submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the names of the absent members be entered upon the journal of this house, whenever absent at a call of the house, during the remainder of the session.

Which was read the first time; and on motion of Mr. Semmes, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Crabb asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to repeal an act passed at December session 1826, chap. 206, so far as it relates to Anne-Arundel county.

And on his motion, it was Ordered, That a select committee of three members be appointed by the speaker to prepare and report said bill. Messrs. Crabb, Watkins, and Stewart of Anne-Arundel, were appointed the said committee pursuant to the order.

Mr. Shower submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, the happinese, prosperity and stability of all republican governments, materially depends upon the morality and intelligence of the people: And whereas it is the peculiar province and duty of those who are invested with the law-making power, to foster and cherish every measure which they may believe conducive to the improvement of the human intellect: And whereas the subject of education is best calculated to accomplish so important an object, when properly attended to, and encouraged by legislative enactment; And whereas the state of Maryland, being one of the confederated states of the union, is of right entitled to a large quantity of public lands situated in the western parts of the union, which should be appropriated and applied to the encouragement of education within this state, upon the same principles of justice and common right which some states of the union have obtained and applied it: And whereas the depressed state of the finances of the state of *Maryland* render it expedient and necessary that every source, from whence a fund can possibly be derived, should be resorted to, in order to aid the school fund of the state; Therefore,

Resolved, That our senators in the congress of the United States be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use their efforts to obtain a grant, or grants, of said lands, in like manner which grants have been made to some other states in the union, for the purpose of encouraging education in this state.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward to each of our senators and representatives in congress, a copy of the aforegoing preamble and resolution.

Which, being read the first time, were, on motion by Mr. Semmes, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M'Mahon of Allegany, submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas it is represented to the general assembly, that there are remaining in the western shore land office of this state, a number of certificates of survey and resurvey of lands, which have been compounded on, but never patented, some of which were returned to the said office, before the revolution: And whereas, according to the established rules and laws of the land office, no certificate can be recorded

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[illegible] MATHEAU [illegible] feet long, [illegible] formerly painted [illegible] Any person taking up said [illegible] referred to [illegible] shall receive three dollars [illegible] HENRY [illegible]
Feb 5

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BOOKS

Have been lately received at the Circulating Library in this City.

Dunallan,
2d. Series of Tales of My Grandfather,
Pelham,
Opie's Works,
Lady of the Manor,
Father Clement,
Decision,
Erskine on the Gospel,
Jay's Lectures,
Hannah Moore's Works,
Flint's Geography of the States,
Darby's View of the United States,
Memoirs of Pliny Fisk,
of Urquhart,
of Scott,
Romance of History,

The following works are daily expected Dr. Granville's Peterburgh, Chronicle of the Conquest of Granada by Washington Irving and the life of Richmond and Eastburn.

Wm H. Hall, Librarian.
Jan 29

The State of Maryland,

At an Orphans Court held for St. Mary's county, at the court house in Leonard town, on the 6th day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-eight,

Present,
Luke W. Barber, Joseph Stone and George Thomas, } Esquires,
Thomas W Morgan, Sheriff.
Enoch J Millard, Register.

Among other proceedings were the following, viz.

On application of Michael J. Loker administrator of Parker Loker, late of St. Mary's county, deceased: It is ordered by the Court, that the said administrator give the notice required by law for the creditors to exhibit their claims against the estate of the said deceased; and that the same be published once a week for four weeks in one of the newspapers published in the city of Annapolis, by Jonas Green.

Feb 19

Coach and Harness Making.

Jonathan Hutton

Still continues the above business at his Shop, in West street, [illegible] the Farmers' Bank. His Carriages will be made of the best materials and every attention paid to their construction to unite in them durability and neatness. He respectfully solicits public patronage.

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A Light, Fashionable Single Hand
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Jan. 1

Public Sale,

By virtue of an order from the chancery court of Maryland, the subscriber will offer at public sale, in the village of Tracy's Landing, on Monday the 9th day of March next, at 10 o'clock, M.

A House and Lot,

situate in said village. This would be a desirable acquisition to a person desirous to engage in the mercantile business, there being a good house [illegible] Superior on the premises. Possession of the property will be given on the day of sale, the cash payable on the day of sale, or upon the ratification thereof by the chancellor, and at the option of the purchaser. Robert H. Patterson, the former purchaser.

Feb 12 R. Garner, Trustee.

Annapolis Lodge No. 71.

OF ANCIENT FREEMASONS.

Members of the Masonic Fraternity are hereby notified that Annapolis Lodge, No. 71, will hold its stated meetings every Wednesday evening during the winter season. And their attendance is respectfully solicited.

By Order,
John B. Walton, Sec'y.
Jan. 29, A. L. 5829.

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Fresh and Splendid
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GEORGE WINTER,
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Of the latest fashions, with an assortment of
Stocks, Gloves, Collars & Suspenders
All of which he will sell low for Cash or to punctual men on moderate terms
Sept. 18.

100 Dollars Reward.

Ran away from the farm of the late Jonathan Pinkney, Esq. near Annapolis, two negroes, one named JIM WOOTTEN aged about thirty years, five feet ten inches high, and of a bright complexion. The other named BEN SNOWDEN, about 19 years old, five feet 8 inches high, very black and walks a little lame. It is supposed that these negroes went away in company with a bright mulatto man named Henry Wallace, belonging to Mrs Juliana Brice. 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 five for each, if taken within this state, and secured in jail so that I get them again; or one hundred dollars for both, or fifty for each if taken out of the state.

Roger Pinkney, adm'r.
of Jonas Pinkney.
June 5.

Persons

Who have borrowed any Books belonging to the late Jonathan Pinkney, are requested to return them to the office of the subscriber.

Som. Pinkney.
Jan. 17.

Public Sale

Pursuant to the last will and testament of John Maccubbin, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, the subscribers will offer at public sale, on the 20th day of May next, if fair, if not on the next fair day thereafter, the FARM on which said Maccubbin formerly resided, situate on the north side of Severn river, and near to Magothy, being part of a tract of land called Homewood's Lot, but commonly known in the neighbourhood by the name of Rich Neck, and containing

150 *Acres of Land,*

more or less. The improvements consist of a comfortable two story frame dwelling house, and some out buildings. This farm, from its vicinity to Baltimore and Annapolis, ought to be desirable. The sale will take place on the premises at 10 o'clock, A. M. when and where the terms will be made known by

Horatio Ridout,
James Mackubin,
Executors of John Maccubbin.
Feb. 5

Legislature

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1829.

The bill passed by the senate, entitled, An act for the general valuation of property in this state, was sent to the house and read.

On motion by Mr. [illegible] for consideration the bill from the senate, to incorporate the Commercial Bank of Millington Company.

The said bill having been read the first time, the question was taken, shall it be read a second time? It was resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate then read the said bill, entitled,

An act for the relief of Walter Cross, of Anne-Arundel county. D. Nicholson, of the senate, to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the purchase of stationary and fuel for the use of the legislature, with a resolution, endorsed, 'reconsidered by the senate;' accompanied by a bill and a list appended to said bill.

The said report and said documents, resolution and bill were read and ordered to be printed.

The resolution with the report on the 14th instant, and the printed copies of the bill from the two branches of the legislature, was taken up and assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill from the senate, for the removal of proceedings in criminal cases, with changes in the constitutional purpose, was taken up and rejected.

The said bill was read the first time.

The bill reported, for the relief of grievances and courts of justice, which on the 2d instant was recommitted, to exempt the wearing apparel and exemptors," was taken up.

Mr Smith of Worcester moved to adjourn.

Mr. Wright of Queen-Anne's, moved to adjourn.

On motion by Mr. [illegible] the members, the house adjourned for the absent members.

On motion by *Mr.* [illegible] deration of the ordinance of the sence of the door-keeper.

The clerk of the senate read the bill, entitled,

An act for the operation of the laws in Washington county, to be [illegible] with the proposed amendments.

And, an act to authorize the Washington county commissioners to build a bridge over the Antietam, [illegible] *Mr. M.* Hitts' farm, with the amendments.

The amendment proposed by the senate to the bill, with the amendments to the bill, was taken up by a special order, the second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the second time.

The said bill from the senate, was read the first time, was ordered to be printed.

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The bill from the commissioners of the tax, to tain lands therein mentioned, was read the second time.

Mr. Done, as chairman of the committee on ways and means, reported the bill, entitled, An act to authorize the collector of Kent county, to be [illegible] by a special order, the second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the second time.

The bill from the senate, entitled, An act to authorize the appointment of special justices of the peace, in the city of Baltimore, was taken up and passed without a division