

one of the act of 1804, ch. 97, are compiled with, if the name of the person voted for at a by election is written or printed on the ballot, and the purpose for which the vote is given plainly designated thereon, and that it sufficiently appears to this house by the ballots exhibited by the memorial of the said Philip B. Travilla, that the persons who voted the unheaded ballots aforesaid, intended to vote for the said Philip B. Travilla, as a delegate to this general assembly: that the said Philip B. Travilla was therefore duly elected by the people of Kent county, as a delegate as aforesaid, and that the judges of election in said county erred in not counting the said votes for the said Philip B. Travilla.

The said preamble and orders were read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. McNeill asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, An act respecting the western limits of the state of Maryland, and the dividing line and boundaries between it and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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. McNeill, Buskirk and M-Mahon, were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. Willson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, supplementary to an act, entitled, An act to authorise the laying out and opening a road through a part of Frederick, Anne-Arundel and Montgomery counties.

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. Willson, White and Gittings were appointed the said committee pursuant to the order.

Mr. Teackle asked and obtained leave to report a bill, to be entitled, An act to establish a public library in each of the several counties of this state, and in 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. Teackle, Nicholas, Donnelly, Jenifer, Johnson, Comegrs and Wiltner, were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. Buskirk from the committee on grievances & courts of justice, to which on the 7th instant, was referred the bill from the senate, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, reported verbally that the committee having taken the said bill into serious consideration, were of the opinion it ought to pass without amendment.

The said bill was then read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hitch, from the committee on education, to which the subject had been referred, reported a bill, entitled, An act for founding a college in the city of Frederick, by the name of Frederick College.

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

The bills of the following titles, being severally entitled by the 40th rule of the house to a second reading, were, in conformity with the 42d rule, taken up for consideration, read the second time accordingly, passed without amendment, and sent to the senate for concurrence, viz.

An act to appoint commissioners to establish the boundary line between Harford and Cecil counties, reported by Mr. Sutton, on the 11th instant.

An act empowering and directing the commissioners of Cecil county to build two fire proof offices for the use of the clerk of the county, and the register of wills, for the safe keeping of the records appertaining to their respective offices in the town of Elkton; reported by Mr. Evans on the 11th instant.

An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to reduce into one the several acts relative to the times of holding the court of appeals, and the several county courts in this state, and for other purposes, so far as the same relates to Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes; reported by Mr. Wright on the 12th inst.

An act to alter the law in relation, to the compensation of judges of elections in the city of Baltimore; reported by Mr. Nicholas on the 12th inst.

The bill reported by Mr. Hope on the 12th inst. entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned, being entitled to a second reading by the 40th rule of the house, was in conformity with the 42d rule taken up for consideration, and in the progress of the second reading thereof.

Mr. Moores moved the following amendment, which was read: After the word 'same' in the second line of the second section, insert, 'in the manner it has heretofore been done.'

When on motion by Mr. Ely, the said bill, with the proposed amendment, was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Hope, the said bill, and amendment were afterwards taken up for consideration.

And on the question, will the House agree to the amendment as proposed? It was resolved in the affirmative.

In progressing further with the reading of the said bill,

On motion by Mr. Moores, it was further amended by inserting after 'and the vouchers of their expenditures, shall be' in the 3d and 4th lines of the 3d section, these words 'on oath and shall be.'

The said bill having been read through out and amended, as above.

The question was put 'shall this bill pass as amended?' It was resolved in the affirmative, and the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Done, The House proceeded to consider the proposition submitted by him, on the 9th instant, to amend the standing rules and orders of the House; and being read the second time, The question was put will the House agree to the amendment proposed? It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Buskirk, on the second instant, providing a compensation for the services of James Dixon, Esq. of Frederick county, in the prosecution of George Swearingen, for the murder of his wife, and being read the second time, after some discussion.

The question was put 'will the House assent to the said resolution?' It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Keene offered the following order, which was twice read, viz:

Ordered, That a select committee of five members be appointed on the part of this House, whose duty it shall be to visit the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, examine into its present condition, and report thereon to this House.

After some discussion thereon, Mr. Buskirk proposed to amend the said order, by appending at the end thereof the following: 'and also whether the President and directors of the Rail Road company have employed competent and skillful engineers; and that the said committee visit, also, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and examine into the manner in which the work is executed, whether the officers thereof are competent to the discharge of their duties, and generally into the situation and progress of the work.'

The said amendment being twice read, The question was put will the House agree to this amendment? And it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question then recurred, and was put, will the House adopt the said order as amended? It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Ely, The House then adjourned.

Friday, January 15, 1830.

The house met. Were present the same members as on yesterday. Messrs. Buchanan, Shriver, Sellman, Irving and Grason, the committee appointed to visit and inspect the penitentiary, having returned from the performance of that service, again appeared in the house. The proceedings of yesterday were then read.

The resolution providing a compensation for the services of James Dixon, Esquire, of Frederick county, in the prosecution of George Swearingen, for the murder of his wife, assented to by the house yesterday, was sent to the senate for concurrence.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the adjutant-general of the militia of Maryland, claiming a restoration of the salary for his services, which was discontinued at the last session of the legislature.

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

Also, a letter from the register of the court of chancery, enclosing a list of the taxes which have accrued on proceedings in that court in the year 1829.

And a statement from the sheriff of Kent county of the several sums of money paid by him to the treasurer of the eastern shore, in the year ending 30th November 1829, furnished in obedience to a resolution passed at December session 1827, No. 70.

Ordered, That the said letter, with the enclosed list, and the said statement, be severally referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Wells presented a petition of Eliza Sands of the city of Annapolis, praying that such sum may be levied on Anne-Arundel county yearly, for her support as may be considered reasonable, under the circumstances of her case.

Mr. Sellman presented a petition of Nathan Smith, of Anne-Arundel county, praying that the commissioners of the tax for said county may be authorised to levy for his relief a small sum, which added to the fruits of such efforts as he may be able to use, may procure what is indispensable to the sustenance of himself and family. Ordered, That the three last mentioned petitions be severally referred to the committee on pensions by county assessments.

Mr. Hicks presented a petition of Sarah Gould, widow of William Gould, late of Dorchester county, deceased, who was a revolutionary soldier, praying that a pension may be granted her in consideration of the services rendered by her husband in that capacity.

Mr. Nicholas presented a petition of Elizabeth J. Waters, of the city of Baltimore, widow of Col. Richard Waters, lately deceased, who was an officer of the revolutionary army, praying that a pension may be granted her, in consideration of the services which he rendered in that capacity. Ordered, That the two last mentioned petitions be severally referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Nicholas also presented a petition of Robert Wilson, of the state of Ohio, now in actual confinement, for debt, in the goal of Baltimore county, praying for a special act of insolvency.

And report of the President and Visitors of the Maryland Hospital, of the situation of that institution, and requesting that such measures may be adopted, as the wisdom of the general assembly may suggest, to place the Hospital under the control of the state, and to enable them to accomplish the objects for which they were incorporated; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Nicholas, Done and Johnson.

Mr. Teackle presented a petition of Mary Gill, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce, from bed and board, may be granted her, from her husband John B. Gill, which petition was referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Hunt asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, a supplement to the act, entitled, an act to incorporate the Phoenix Shot Tower Company of Baltimore

And, his motion, it was Ordered, That a Select Committee of three members be appointed by the Speaker to prepare and report said bill. Messrs. Hunt, Nicholas and Turner, of Baltimore county, were appointed the said Committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. McNeill asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled an act relative to the lots and lands westward of Fort Cumberland in Allegany 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. McNeill, M-Mahon and Swan were appointed the said Committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. Goldborough asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled an Act, to incorporate Cambridge Female Academy in Dorchester 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. Goldborough, Steele and Hicks were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. Buchanan asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled an Act supplementary to an act, passed in December Session 1819, ch. 84, relating to Insolvent Debtors in the city and county of Baltimore. 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. Buchanan, Turner, of Baltimore county, and Ely, were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. Johnson asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, an Act to incorporate the trustees of the poor of Baltimore county passed at December Session 1822. 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. Johnson, Turner of Baltimore county and Nicholas, were appointed said Committee.

Mr. Ely, asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, An act to alter and amend the first section of an act, entitled An act relating to Insolvent Debtors in the city and county of Baltimore, passed at December session 1816, chapter 231. 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. Ely, Hunt, Johnson, Buchanan, and Turner of Baltimore county, were appointed the said committee pursuant to the order.

The house adjourned.

Saturday, January 16th, 1830.

The house met at ten o'clock, pursuant to adjournment; Were present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of which were read.

Leave of absence from the service of the house for a few days, was granted to Mr. Grason, Chairman of the Committee on ways and means.

On motion by Mr. Wootton, (seconded by two other members, who voted with him in the majority on the question that resulted in the adoption yesterday of the message proposed by Mr. Gantt, respecting the appointment of a proper person to be recommended to the Governor to be commissioned as Register of Wills for Prince Georges' county,) the house resolved to re-consider its decision of said question; and the said message was then ordered to lie on the table.

The several bills of this house, passed yesterday, were sent to the Senate for concurrence, the titles whereof, are as follows:

An Act to make valid a certain deed therein mentioned.

An Act to repeal the act therein mentioned.

A supplement to the Act, entitled, 'An act to authorise the persons therein named to build a Methodist Meeting House on the public ground in Chestertown, in Kent county,' passed at November session 1801, chapter 37.

A supplement to the act, entitled, an act to incorporate the Baltimore and Pittston Coal Company.—And

An act for the relief of George Shover, late of Loudoun county, Virginia, and now confined, for debt, in the jail of Allegany county.

The resolution, assented to by the house yesterday in favour of Edward Spedden, administrator of the late General Perry Benson, was also sent to the Senate for concurrence.

And the bill from the Senate, entitled, An act to change the names of the Bank of Westminster and Office of Pay and Receipt, to the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Frederick county, and to locate said Bank at Frederick city, with a Branch at Westminster, was returned to the Senate.

The Speaker laid before the house a report from the Trustees of Charlotte Hall School, in Charles county, disclosing the state and condition of that institution, accompanied by a tabular report of the principal of said School, exhibiting the names, residences, literary and scientific pursuits of the pupils, for the year 1829.

Mr. Sellman presented a petition of sundry citizens of Anne Arundel county, praying an alteration in the law, which relates to the establishment of Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the said report and petition be severally referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Edelen presented two several petitions of sundry citizens of Prince-George's county, the one praying that Maria Johnson, of said county, be allowed a pension for the support of herself and children; and the other that provision may be made for the support of Winfred Piler, and Ann Nevy, during their lives.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the committee on county pensions.

Mr. McPherson presented a petition of John Russel, of Charles county, praying to be divorced, a vinculo matrimonii, from his wife Jane Russel.

Mr. Henrix presented a petition of John

Charles, of Talbot county, praying to be divorced, a vinculo matrimonii, from his wife Betty Charles.

Ordered, That the two last mentioned petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. Keene presented a petition of the Justices of the Levy Court for Carolina county, praying the repeal of all special acts of Assembly relative to out-pensioners of said county, so that the said court may be left unrestricted as to the number, but limited in regard to the gross amount to be levied on the county for their benefit; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Keene, Orrell and Burchenal.

Mr. Gale presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying the passage of a supplement to the act providing for the election of Commissioners for said county, & prescribing their powers and duties, passed at December session 1827, chapter 145; whereby certain additional powers may be conferred on said Commissioners, and their compensation increased to three dollars per day and mileage; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Gale, Evans and Creswell.

Mr. Kinzer presented a petition of Tabitha Swearingen, of Frederick county, in relation to certain negro slaves therein mentioned which petition with the accompanying document, was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Kinzer, Dorsey and Shriver.

Mr. Donnelly asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, An additional supplement to the Act, entitled, An act to incorporate a Company to make a Turnpike Road from the square in the town of Boonsborough, in Washington county, to Swearingen's Ferry, on the Potomac river, passed at December session 1814, chapter 71.

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. Donnelly, Witmer, and Brookhart, were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Whereupon, Mr. Donnelly, from that committee, accordingly reported said bill; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nicholas asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act concerning the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike Road Company.

Ordered, That a Select committee of three members, be appointed by the Speaker, to prepare and report said bill.

Messrs. Nicholas, Johnson and Ely, were appointed the said committee, pursuant to the order.

Mr. Hicks asked leave of the House to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to reduce the per diem of the members of the Legislature, & its officers.

And the question thereon being taken: It was determined in the affirmative.

Yeas, 39      Nays, 32

Monday, January 16th.

The house met. Were present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Grason, chairman of the committee on ways and means, who had leave of absence from the service of the house for a few days. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. Teackle presented a petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying an amendment of the law in relation to the manumission of slaves, and that a tax may be imposed upon free negroes and mulattoes in this state; which petition was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Smith presented a report from the trustees of the Lower Marlborough Academy, in Calvert county, shewing how the annual donation received from the state has been appropriated, and exhibiting the present state and condition of the institution; which report was referred to the committee on education.

Mr. M-Pherson presented a petition of Jonathan Morris, of Washington county, in the state of Pennsylvania, stating that he was a Captain of the 7th Maryland regiment, on continental establishment in the army of the revolution, and served as such to the close of the war, either in active service, or a prisoner of the enemy, and praying for the grant of a pension of half pay for life, which petition, with the accompanying documents, was referred to the committee on military pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Hunt presented a petition of Richard Mace, of Baltimore county, praying for pecuniary relief, by a county assessment, being blind and unable to help himself; which petition was referred to the committee on county pensions.

Mr. Yoe presented a petition of Elizabeth Protzman, of Washington county, praying the passage of a law to divorce her from the bed and board of her husband, Jacob Protzman, &c. which petition, with the accompanying documents, was referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Kinzer presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for a law authorizing and directing the levy court of said county to levy a sum of money to build a bridge across the river Monocacy, at or near Williams' Ferry, on the great road leading from the cities of Philadelphia and Baltimore, through the populous counties of York and Lancaster, in Pennsylvania; to the city of Frederick, and the western states; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Kinzer, Shriver and Dorsey.

Mr. Nicholas presented a petition of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, praying for an act of incorporation for the establishment of a college; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Nicholas, Buskirk and Buchanan.

Mr. Moores presented a petition from the grand jurors of Harford county, at August term, 1829, praying for a law, requiring the commissioners of said county to levy a sum of

money upon the county, sufficient to build two law proof offices, the one for the clerk's office, and the other for the register's office, for the safety and preservation of the public records of the county, appertaining to both of said offices, and also directing the clerk of said county, to have prepared at the expense of the county, several of the record books in his office, that are in a worn and dilapidated condition; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Moores, Hopp, Johns, Sutton and Goldsborough.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, it was Ordered, That the treasurer of the western shore be required to report to the house, the annual statements of the several banks of this state, as required by their respective charters.

Mr. Teackle moved the following preamble and order; which were read the first time, and laid on the table, viz: Whereas great losses have accrued to the state from the improvident distribution of the public arms, and whereas the present supply in the armories is greater than any probable demand. And whereas the augmentation of that supply will commensurately increase the charges of cleaning, and the exposure to decay and dilapidation—therefore, Ordered, That the committee on the militia be instructed to inquire into the expediency of receiving money in lieu of arms from the United States, as provided by the act of congress of 1808, and that the monies to be received, may be invested successively in some safe and productive capital, for the accumulation of an adequate fund, to purchase arms whenever the service may require them.

Mr. Wilson asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled, An act to alter the present mode of appointing the Justices of the Levy Court for Montgomery county so that each election district may have one member.

Mr. Edelen asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act giving to referees and arbitrators by private agreement the attendance of witnesses and for ascertaining their allowance for such attendance, And, On motion, Messrs. Edelen, Buchanan and Gant, were appointed by the Speaker a select committee to prepare and report said bill.

Mr. Goldsborough asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to alter the present mode of appointing the Justices of the Levy court of Dorchester county so that each election District may have one member passed at December session 1827. And on motion, Messrs. Goldsborough, Harcaste and Hicks, were appointed a Select committee to report said bill.

Mr. Nicholas proposed the following message: By the House of Delegates, January 18, 1830. Gentlemen of the Senate,

In consequence of the inconvenience sustained by this house from the delay in Printing the Journal of Proceedings, and public Bills, we propose with your concurrence to instruct the joint committee appointed upon that subject, to inquire into the causes of that delay, and to report such measures as they may deem expedient to remedy the evil, and have accordingly instructed the committee on the part of this house.

The said message was twice read, agreed to and sent to the senate.

Mr. Hitch asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the transfer of Licenses for Merchants and keepers of ordinaries and others.

And, On motion, Messrs. Hitch, Hutcheson and Irving, were appointed by the speaker a select committee to prepare and report said bill.

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message which was read, viz: By the Senate, Jan. 18th, 1830. Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message in relation to the Public Printing and concur in your request to instruct the joint committee to inquire into the causes of any delay which has taken place in furnishing the journal and bills to your honourable house.

By order, L. Gassaway, Clk.

Tuesday, January 19.

The house met pursuant to adjournment. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Grason again appeared in the house, and resumed his seat. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the Mayor of the city of Baltimore, enclosing a report of the expenses incurred in deepening and improving the harbour of the port of said city, from the first day of January to the 31st day of December 1829, as directed by the 22d section of the act to regulate sales by Public Auction, and the supplements thereto.

And also a report from the clerk of Charles county court, exhibiting a statement of the public money paid by him into the treasury of the western shore of Maryland, from the parading on the 30th of November 1829; furnished in pursuance of a resolution of the general assembly, passed at December session 1827.

Ordered, That the said communication and reports be severally referred to the committee on ways and means.

Mr. Harding presented the petition of James E. Clements, praying that the levy court of Montgomery county be authorised to levy a sum of money for his support.

Mr. Sellman presented the petition of Elizabeth Simmons of Anne-Arundel county, praying for support. The two last mentioned petitions, were severally referred to the committee on county pensions to indigent persons.

Mr. Hood presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Baltimore counties, praying for a law authorising the laying out and opening of a road from Harriestown Old Field in Baltimore county, to Lisbon in Anne-Arundel county. Which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Hood, Johnson and Shriver.

Mr. Goldsborough presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying the passage of a law to incorporate a

canal company. Which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Goldsborough Steele and Harcaste.

Mr. Nicholas presented a memorial of Harard Berran, and others, citizens of the city of Baltimore praying the passage of an act incorporating them in the name of the Grand Institute of Baltimore; which memorial was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Nicholas, Hunt and Buskirk.

Mr. Hunt presented a memorial of sundry citizens of the city of Baltimore, praying that they may be incorporated under the name of the Synagogue in said city, for the purpose of building a Synagogue in said city, which memorial was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Hunt, Nicholas and Johnson.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, it was Ordered, That the committee to which was referred the petitions of sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying that the justices of the levy court might be elected by the people, be discharged from the further consideration of that subject, and that the same be referred to a select committee, to consist of three members.—Mr. Messrs. Teackle, Irving and Jones were appointed the said committee pursuant to the order.

Mr. Moore asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to an act to regulate the inspection of lumber; which was referred to the committee on inspection.

On motion by Mr. Jenifer, it was Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of an altering and amending the constitution of this state, as to elect the Governor for the period of three years, instead of annually, as at present provided. Messrs. Jenifer, Nicholas, Irving, Buskirk, Semmes, Hood and Harding, were appointed the said committee pursuant to the order.

On motion by Mr. Jenifer, it was Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to inquire into the expediency of the legislature relinquishing the right of appointing directors in the several banks of this state, to which is at present entitled, or of providing certain restrictions relative thereto, & that they be permitted to report by bill or otherwise. Messrs. Jenifer, Hunt, Steele, Gale and Buchanan were appointed the said committee pursuant to the order.

On motion by Mr. Done, it was Ordered, That a committee be appointed to ascertain and report to this house, the practicability of providing one or more committee rooms for the accommodation of the standing committees of this house, and the expense of preparing the same. Messrs. Done, Steele, Semmes, Yoe and Wells, were appointed the said committee pursuant to the order.

Mr. Beckett asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, An act to abolish the levy court and commissioners of the tax for Calvert county, and for other purposes. On his motion Messrs. Beckett, Turner of Calvert, and Hungerford, were appointed by the speaker to prepare and report said bill.

On motion by Mr. M-Pherson, it was Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inquire into, and report to this house, the expediency of amending the constitution, to abolish the executive council, and to give the senate the powers now exercised by said council. Messrs. M-Pherson, Smith, Swann, Irving and Thomas, of St. Mary's were appointed the said committee.

The house then adjourned.

AMERICAN vs. RUSSIAN HEMP.

Mr. HALL—An experiment was made yesterday (13th) at the Navy Yard, Charlestown, the officers of that station, on the relative strength of Russian and American Cordage. Believing the result would not be uninteresting to the American public, I herewith send it you for publication.

1st experiment—A single yarn of Russian hemp raised, 69 lbs.

2d,	71
3d,	68
—	208

A single yarn of American hemp, of the same size and length, raised, 1st, 80 lbs.

2d,	79
3d,	91
—	250

Thus giving the American hemp the preference in the three trials, in point of strength of more than 80 per cent.

Two deep sea lines of equal size, length and weight—one made of Russia and the other American hemp—were then connected a force applied, when the Russian parted. They were again joined, positions reversed, and the application of force this Russian part again.

Two three inch ropes of equal size, length and weight—the one made of Russian and the other of American hemp were then fastened together, and force applied, when the Russian parted without in the least fracturing the American. It is proper to add, that the cordage thus tried, was made of the best Russian clean, and the common hemp from Northampton machine. Boston Daily Advertiser.

From the Richmond Whig, Jan. 15.

Mr. Verrazay the Constitution was adopted—and by a majority of 15—and what has been long foreseen, but which is not less remarkable—by the votes of that part of the Convention chiefly representing the wishes of the people opposed to the call of a Convention and to any change, and in opposition the votes of those, by the instrumentality whose constituents the Convention was called upon this result—the manner in which it was elected—and the history of the Convention we shall in a few days speak our minds freely and we congratulate the people that they are not so long in labour, is delivered last—and we give them this advice, satisfied from observation of its soundness—that if the exercise of their sovereign discretion, they are not to call another Convention,