relinquishment of rights from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, under pain of forfeiture of its charter, and praying the legislature to adopt such measures as will ensure to that company a speedy and uninterrupted prosecution of its work to Cumberland.

Mr. Bruff presented a petition of James Sears, of Talbot county, a revolutionary soldier, praying to be placed on the pension roll of this state.

Mr. Cottman presented a memorial of the levy court of Somerset county, praying the passage of an act, authorising said court to condemn lands for certain purposes therein mentioned.

Mr Harper presented a memorial and petition of owners of property in Light street, counter to that of George Beltzhoover, agent and others, for widening the same.

Mr. Forwood presented a petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying that William Stockdale, may be placed on the pension list of said county.

Mr. George A. Thomas presented a petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying the passage of a law to call a convention to reform the constitution of the state of Maryland.

Mr. Bruce presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Allegany county;

And, Mr. Hammond presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Frederick county, severally expressing their painful regret at the report of the committee on internal improvements, requiring the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, to relinquish a part of its rights to the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, under pain of forfeiture of its charter, and praying the Legislature to adopt such measures as will ensure the Canal Company a speedy and uninterrupted prosecution of its work to Cumberland.

The speaker laid before the house a report of the trustees of the West Nottingham Academy:

Which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Turner, obtained leave to bring in a bill, for the revaluation of the real and personal property in Baltimore county.

Mr. Cottman obtained leave to bring in a supplement to an act passed at December session, 1831, chapter 281.

Mr. Nicols, obtained leave to bring in a bill, to incorporate Cambridge Lodge, No. 66, of Ancient York Masons.

Mr. Somerville, from the committee on inspections, reported a bill, supplementary to an act, authorising the appointment of inspectors of wood, in the city of Baltimore, and to regulate the same.

Mr. Unkefer reported a bill, to lay out and open a road through Frederick and Baltimore counties;

Also reported a bill, to lay out and open a road in Frederick and Baltimore counties.

Mr. Bruff reported a supplement to an act for the protection of oysters in the waters of the eastern shore of this state, passed at December session 1831, chapter 249.

Mr. Turner reported a bill, to incorporate the Hereford Savings Institution of Baltimore county.

And Mr. George A. Thomas, reported an additional supplement to an act, to incorporate the Port Deposit and Chesapeake Turnpike Road Company, passed at December session 1827, chapter 200.

The bill reported by Mr. Roberts, for the revaluation of the real and personal property in Queen Anne's county.

The bill reported by Mr. Compton, chairman of the committee on divorces, to divorce Mary E. Bond, of the city of Baltimore, from her husband William B. Bond.

And the bill reported by Mr. Harper, to incorporate the Central Savings Institution of Baltimore;

Were severally taken up for consideration read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the Senate returned the bill, to repeal so much of the act of December session 1831, chapter 223, as relates to the lands of Stephen J. Bradley of Caroline county, endorsed 'will pass,' ordered to be engrossed,

Also, the bill to incorporate the Baltimore Snuff Mill company,

Also, the supplement to the act, to incorporate the Warren Manufacturing company; severally endorsed, 'will pass,' with the proposed amendments,

Which amendments were severally read the first and second time by special order, severally assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed,

Also, the resolution in favour of John B. Armistead, endorsed, 'assented to,' ordered to be engrossed,

And delivered a bill originated in and passed by the Senate, entitled. An act to incorporate the General Insurance Company of Maryland,

The bill reported by Mr. Compton, chairman of the committee on divorces, to divorce Ann Elizabeth Amanda Christiana Armstrong, from her husband Henry Armstrong of Saint Mary's county—And,

The bill reported by Mr. Hammond, for the benefit of George M. Tyler, of the city of Frederick, in Frederick county,

Were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed.

On motion by Mr. Bruce, the house took up for consideration, the bill reported by Mr. Louthan, to incorporate a company, to make a turnpike road from such point as the Somerset and Cumberland turnpike road company, of Pennsylvania, shall fix upon, at the Pennsylvania line, to the public square, in the town of Cumberland,

Which was read the second time, amended, and passed.

Monday, Feb. 25th. 1833.

Mr. Gittings presented a petition of Benjamin Adams, of Montgomery county, praying pecuniary relief by county assessment.

Mr. Hammond presented a petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying the passage of a law for the improvement of horses as therein proposed.

Mr. Hobbs presented a petition of Richard I. Jones, of the city of Annapolis, praying for an act to authorise him to bring into this state certain slaves therein mentioned.

Mr. Wright, of Dorchester, presented a petition of William D. Barrow, in behalf of the heirs and representatives of Wm. Barrow, deceased, relative to the state's claim against them.

Mr. Mann presented a petition of Henry Beterbenner, and Henry Nymon, in relation to a resolution passed this house the fourth inst. in favour of Alexander Shafer;

Also, presented a certificate and affidavit of Jonas Hogmire, of Washington county, in relation to said resolution in favour of Alexander Shafer.

Mr. Turner asked leave to bring in a bill to alter, amend and explain, an act passed at December session, 1831, chap. 281.

Mr. Bruce obtained leave to bring in a bill to exempt justices of the orphans' court, from serving as jurors.

Mr. Evans obtained leave to bring in a supplement to an act to elect commissioners for Cecil county, passed at December session, 1831, chapter 164, for purposes therein mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Nicols,

Ordered, That the committee on grievances and courts of justice, be instructed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of passing a law to prevent free negroes or mulattoes from purchasing slaves, under any circumstances.

On motion by Mr. Harper,

Ordered, That the committee on the library be instructed to inquire whether the picture of Washington in this hall is not exposed to great injury, and even destruction, from hanging where it does; and also whether it is not expedient and practicable to remove it to some other situation within this hall.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, by a resolution of this General Assembly passed on the 14th of March last, the adjutant general of this state was required to strike from his records the names of all such officers of the militia of this state, as should not in obedience to a notice directed by the same resolution publicly to be given, report themselves to his department on or before the first day of November then next; and,

Whereas, a great number of useful and valuable officers have been in consequence of said resolution, stricken from the rolls because of a failure on their part from inadvertance, to report themselves as required.

Be it therefore resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the aforesaid resolution passed on the 14th of March, 1832, be and the same is hereby suspended in its operation for the period of four months, so far as relates to the removal from commission of such officers as may not have reported themselves agreeably to the requirements of that resolution, and that all the said officers be allowed until the 1st day of July next to report themselves as required by said resolution.

Resolved, That the adjutant general be, and he is hereby directed to give public notice in such papers in this state as he may think most likely to convey general information to all officers heretofore holding militia commissions, of this further extension of the time for them to report themselves to his department.

Mr. Rogerson reported a bill to authorise commissioners to divide Charles county into school districts.

And, Mr. Mann reported a bill for the revaluation of the real and personal property in Washington county.

The bill reported by Mr. Roberts, to repeal part of an act passed December session, 1824, chapter 167, authorising gates to be kept on the public roads in Queen Anne's county.

The bill reported by Mr. Grove, entitled, A supplement to an act passed at November session, 1802, chapter 81, to make public the proceedings of the Levy courts in the several counties of this state, and for other purposes, so far as relates to Washington county.

The bill reported by Mr. Wright, of Queen Anne's, entitled, A further supplement to an act, to enlarge the bounds of Centreville and for other purposes.

The bill reported by Mr. Hearn, to authorise the clerk of Worcester county court to record a certain deed therein mentioned.

Were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the house took up for consideration the bill reported by him from the committee on ways and means, entitled, An act to establish the Bank of the State of Maryland, and the amendments proposed to said bill as additional sections.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the house was called, and the door-keeper sent for the absent members, who after short time had elapsed, returned and reported that all the members were in attendance.

The house then resumed the consideration of said bill and amendments.

Mr. Jenkins moved to amend the first amendment, by striking out from the word 'entitled,' in the fourth line, to the word 'stock,' inclusive, in the seventh line and inserting in lieu thereof the following, in these words, 'to a number of directors equal to the number appointed by the state.'

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Jenkins said amendment was amended by striking out in the twenty second line thereof the word 'hundred.'

On motion by Mr. Merrick, said amendment was further amended, by striking out in the same line the word 'one,' and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'ten.'

Mr. Ely moved to amend the second amendment, by striking out the words, 'with the advice and consent of the governor and council.'

Determined in the negative.

The said amendments were then read the second time and assented to.

Mr. Harper moved to amend said bill by adding at the end thereof as an additional section, the following:

And be it enacted, That before this act shall have the force of law or go into operation, the Governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the council, transmit a copy of the same to the judges of the court of appeals, and it shall be the duty of the said judges to transmit their opinion in writing to the executive, upon the question whether the said act is or is not in violation of the contract between the state and the existing banking institutions in the city of Baltimore, by the act of 1813, chapter 122, or by any other act or acts of Assembly now in force; and the Governor shall lay the said opinion before the General Assembly at their next session, and the said act shall not have the force of law nor go into operation, unless it be approved and passed, with or without modification, by the General Assembly at the said session.

Which was read.

Mr. Wright, of Queen Anne's, moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Harper, by striking out the words 'judges of the court of appeals,' and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'Attorney General.'

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the amendment.

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Turner moved to amend said bill by adding at the end thereof, as an additional section the following:

And be it enacted, That this act shall be of no force or effect unless it be approved with or without modification by the next general assembly.

Determined in the negative.

Mr Jenkins moved to amend said bill, by adding at the end thereof, as an additional section, the following:

And be it enacted, That one third of the amount heretofore paid to the state by the several existing banks in the city of Baltimore, in compliance with the contract made between the state and said banks, in the year 1813, by virtue of the act of 1813, chap. 122, and the acceptance by the said banks of the conditions offered by the act, shall be returned to the said banks, in due proportion to the amount paid by them respectively, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and the said banks are hereby released from any future payment by virtue of the said contract,

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Jenkins moved to amend said bill, by adding at the end thereof, the following as an additional section.

And be it enacted, That from and after the organization of the bank to be established by this act, the existing banks in the city of Baltimore, shall be released from any subsequent payment of the per centage on their respective capitals, which on certain conditions, they agreed to pay to the state, under the provisions of the act of 1813, chap. 122, and the various supplements thereto.

Mr. Hollman moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Jenkins, by inserting after the word 'Baltimore,' the words, 'and all other banks of this state.'

Resolved in the affirmative.

The question then recurred and was put on the adoption of the amendment as amended.

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Harper, moved to recommit the bill to the committee on ways and means, with instructions to provide that the charter shall not be altered or changed without the consent of individual and other stockholders, other than the state.

Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, shall the said bill pass.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the yeas and nays were ordered, and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Thomas, speaker Blakistone, Heard, Hayne, Chandler, Garrettson, Ellicott, Merrick, Miller, Mudd, Turner, Ely, Stevens, Mulliken, Dudley, Bruff, Teackle, Jones, Nicols, Travers, Roberts, Larrimore, Hearn, Milbourne, Powell, Forwood, Hollman, Grove, Lantz, Louthan, Slicer—31.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Harris, Wickes, Duvall, of A. A. Compton, Billingsley, Rogerson, Holmes, Wright, of Dor. George A Thomas, Evans, Lewis Thomas, Knight, Pratt, Brewer, Hammond, Johns, Sutton, Hope, Carter, Jump, Richardson, of Car. Jenkins, Harper, Mann, Weast, White, Harding, Bruce—32

So the bill was rejected.

The clerk of the Senate returned the bill, for the relief of Frederick A Steuart, of the city of Baltimore,

Also, the bill to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Washington county, into seven election districts, and for other purposes,

Also, the bill, to incorporate the Central Savings Institution of Baltimore,

Also, the bill, to divorce Mary E. Bond of the city of Baltimore, from her husband William B. Bond, severally endorsed, 'will pass,' ordered to be engrossed,

Also, the bill, to incorporate, the Chatsworth water company, of Baltimore,

Also, the bill to incorporate the South Baltimore company; severally endorsed, 'will pass with the proposed amendments;'

Which amendments were severally read the first and second time by special order, severally assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed,

Also, the bill, to repeal an act to declare certain trespasses felony, and for other purposes, passed at December session 1826, chapter, 260, so far as it relates to Washington county, endorsed, 'will not pass.'

Also, delivered a bill, originated in and passed by the Senate, entitled, An act relating to Vine street, in the city of Baltimore.

The house then adjourned.

Tuesday, Feb 26th. 1833.

Mr. Harper presented a petition of Bethiall Sands, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce from her husband John Sands;

Also, presented a memorial of the grand jury of the city court of Baltimore, concerning the operation of the license laws of the state, in relation to the sale of spiritous liquors.

Mr. Burgess presented a petition of sundry citizens of A. Arundel county, praying for an act to open and make public a road therein mentioned.

Mr. Mann presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Washington county, counter to the report of the committee on Internal Improvement;

And, Mr. Hobbs presented a petition of Richard I. Jones, of the city of Annapolis, counter to the petition of certain individuals of Kent Island, in Q. Anne's county, in relation to a church on his farm.

Mr. Schley obtained leave to bring in a bill empowering the Frederick county court sitting as a court of equity, to decree and order the sale of certain real estate.

On motion by Mr. Harper,

Ordered, That the committee on education, be instructed to enquire in the expediency of so distributing the school fund, that the same may be appropriated according to the number of scholars certified to have attended in each city or county of this state.

Mr. Nicols, from the joint committee on the Library, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council, be, and they are hereby authorised and requested to take some immediate step to ascertain the necessity and propriety of remedying the present defects of the roof of the state house, and that they in their discretion, shall cause such repairs to be made as the circumstances of the case may demand, for the preservation and safety of the building—and that they draw on the treasurer of the western shore, for such sum or sums as may be necessary to carry into execution this resolve.

Mr. Wright, of Queen Anne's reported a bill, for the relief of Archibald T. Fink, of Washington county.

Mr. Jenkins reported a bill, for increasing the width of a part of Light street, in the city of Baltimore;

Mr. Johns reported a supplement to an act to compel the registers of wills in the several counties therein contained, to keep each of his offices at the seat of justice, in the county for which he shall be register, passed December session 1804, chapter 39, so far as relates to Harford county.

Mr. Pratt, from the joint committee, reported a supplement to an act, to reduce into one, the several acts of assembly, respecting elections, and to regulate said elections.

On motion by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by two other members, who voted in the majority, the house reconsidered their vote upon the bill, entitled, An act to establish the Bank of the State of Maryland.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, said bill was laid on the table.

The bill reported by Mr. Hollman, to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Williamsport to Hagerstown.

The bill reported by Mr. Jenkins, to incorporate the Fells Point Savings Institution of Baltimore;

The bill reported by Mr. Lantz, entitled, a supplement to the act, for regulating and inspecting weights and measures of this state, passed at December session, 1825, chapter 206.

The bill reported by Mr. Pratt, to authorise Catharine Bowie, of Prince George's county, an infant under the age of twenty-one years, to convey to William D. Bowie, certain real estate.

The bill reported by Mr. Compton, chairman of the committee on divorces, entitled, An act to divorce John Wachter, of Frederick county, from his wife Sophia Wachter;

Also, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to divorce Allen Warfield, of Anne-Arundel county, from his wife Mary Warfield.

The bill reported by Mr. Hammond, entitled, A supplement to the act, to incorporate the Frederick Fire Insurance Company.

The bill reported by Mr. Turner, to facilitate the collection of the tax in the several counties in this state, on deceased person's estates.

The bill reported by Mr. Louthan, to authorise the clerk of Allegany county court to record a deed from Nicholas Baer and Catharine his wife, to John Baer.

And the bill reported by Mr. Wright, of Dorchester, to alter and change a part of the divisional line between Dorchester and Caroline counties.

Were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill to authorise the conveyance of certain real estate therein mentioned, endorsed, 'will pass with the proposed amendments;'

Which amendments were severally read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The hour for taking up the order of the day having arrived, the house proceeded to consider the order of the day, being the report of the select committee, to which was referred the memorial of the visitors and governors of St. John's College;

Mr. Teackle moved to lay the report on the table;

Resolved in the affirmative.

The house then adjourned.

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ANNAPOLIS:

Thursday, February 28, 1833.

A COMMENCEMENT

Of St. John's College took place on the 22d instant, in St. Anne's Church in this city.—The following arrangements took place:

MUSIC.

PRAYER.

1. *The Value of the Union*—Oration by John Hardcastle Culbreth. *Music.*
2. *De Interitu Rerum.*—A Poem, by Nathan Covington Brooks. *Music.*
3. *The Epicurean Philosophy.*—An Oration by Robert Bismet Culbreth. *Music.*
4. *The duty of a State to superintend Education.*—An Oration by Thomas Karney, Jr. *Music.*
5. *Degrees Conferred.*
6. Address to the Alumni by the President. *Music.*

PRAYER.

MUSIC.

Extract from a LECTURE delivered in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, by Granville Sharp Pattison, M. D. on the 22d January, 1833.

"It appears that on the occasion of the lecture referred to, from the unusual warmth with which the fact of the extirpation of the Parotid Gland was denied by the learned gentleman, the class perceiving, as they thought, the *gît* of his observations, and conceiving that they could divine the cause of the Professor's remarkable excitement, began to titter, and to wink at each other. This being perceived by the distinguished teacher, he made a remark to the following effect: "*I see, gentlemen, what you mean; but you are mistaken. When I take my gun, and go a shooting, I never fire at a* DIPPER, *when I can get a shot at a* CANVASS-BACK;" and having said so, he proceeded to make use of the language, which I must beg leave, for the reasons before stated, not even to repeat to you.

Now, really gentlemen, this lively, sprightly, sporting, facetious, remark about the *Dipper* and the *Canvass-back* is one which you should not allow to excite your choler. It is perfectly good tempered, and only indicative of wit and humour. I am very fond of humor myself, and when an important fact can be impressed on your minds by association with a sprightly observation, I do not hesitate to indulge in it. You are all aware, that although I have the reputation of being a very ill-tempered, "turbulent person," that this is far from being the fact. Indeed, my taste for good-humoured raillery will not suffer me to allow the sprightly observation about shooting *Canvass-backs* and *Dippers* to pass, without a passing observation. Observe, I have told you that I view the observation about the ducks as perfectly innocent; but, although I admit this, I cannot allow that it was apposite. Indeed, I think if the Natural History of the *Canvass back* and *Dipper* be inquired into, it will be admitted that the learned gentleman, in making the former the representative of Mr. Bell and other distinguished surgeons, and the latter the prototype of somebody else, whose name need not be mentioned, and the members of the profession who possess no reputation, was very unhappy in his illustration. No person, I admit, has a greater respect for a fine *Canvass-back duck*, when he is well roasted, and placed on the table, than myself; and nothing delights me more than to exhibit my skill in Comparative Anatomy, by cutting up one of the *species* when placed before me. But it is only when the *Canvass-back duck* is roasted that he calls forth my admiration. When swimming about in the Susquehanna river in company with the *Dipper*, his habits are such as to induce me to give a decided preference to his companion; and to lead me to think that the learned Professor would have been much more happy in his good-humoured sally, had he employed the *Dipper* as the representative of the eminent surgeon.

Those gentlemen who are conversant with the habits of the two species of ducks, must be aware that the *Canvass-back* is a large, lazy, fat bird, which floats indolently on the surface of the water; that the *Dipper* on the contrary, is a most active, energetic little bird, which is incessantly in motion; diving here, diving there, diving every where; not it is true, in search of knowledge, but in search of a delicious celery which grows at the bottom of the river. Now, it too often happens that, when the sprightly, active *Dipper* comes to the surface with its prize, that the lazy *Canvass-back*, who may have been asleep the whole time during which the other has been at work, snatches from his bill and devours the rich celery, which it has cost him so much labour to obtain. I fear, gentlemen, that this is sometimes the case in our own profession: that the indolent and undeserving, from the power and influence of their connexions, and from other adventitious circumstances, too often seize upon the good things of the profession, which should, with justice, have been awarded to their more active and energetic, but less fortunate brethren.

But allowing that the *Canvass-back duck* was, really, the more praiseworthy bird, and, consequently, the better representative of the distinguished surgeon, I regret that you should have allowed yourselves to have been annoyed by having had your distinguished Professor of Surgery characterized by any comparison which could be intended to have the effect of representing him as an indifferent Surgeon. Recollect gentlemen, the declaration of opponent, that an individual in a person of inferior intellect, and one destitute of all character, neither subtracts from the powers of a highly gifted mind, nor diminishes the lustre of a brilliant and well-earned reputation.

There is an anecdote which occurs to my mind at this moment, which I shall relate to

... It is a true story. It occurred to my-
..., and deriving from it, as I did, a valuable
...on, I feel anxious to repeat it, that you
..., like myself, be benefited by the moral
...ich it teaches.

One afternoon last autumn, having walked
... to the Fairmount, Water Works, after
...lling about for some time, I felt fatigued,
...I came to rest myself by leaning against
... parapet wall enclosing the artificial sheet
... water which has been formed there. It
...s truly a most delightful evening. It was
...r the hour of sunset, and as the glorious
... of day was about to disappear below the
...stern horizon, he shed abroad that soft,
...h, mellowy light with which it delights him
...irradiate the scene, before he bids adieu to
... world: I know not whether it be from
...lousy of his fair rival the moon, that he
...ald, just before he leaves us, dispense
...h such profusion, the softest, the mildest,
... most bewitching of his rays; such howe-
..., is the fact. You must all have experi-
...ed the enchantment of its influence. All
...ure is impressed with its charms, and ac-
...owledges its power. The landscape is
...essed out with it in her loveliest attires and
... mind of man, calmed and tranquilized by
... luxuriates in heavenly contemplation. It
...s just such an evening, and my mind became
...thed under its influence. Not a breath of
...agitated the light and graceful willow, the
...nches of which overhung "the silvery
...e," on the embankment of which I was re-
...ning; and the pure smooth bosom of the
...ter, tranquil and at rest, was unruffled by
...ircle ripple: its slumber was only broken
... the graceful movements of a magnificent
...an, which floated majestically over its sur-
...e. I am a great admirer of Swans, and I
...chool with interest and admiration the
...utiful bird, in all his evolutions, my mind
...upied with dreamy recollections of by-gone
...s, and my imagination filled with far dis-
...t scenes. While enjoying myself in this
...y, I was disturbed by the hurried steps of
... strangers, a lady and a gentleman They
...d just alighted from a carriage; and from
... rapidity with which they advanced to the
...le lake, it was quite evident that the ob-
...t of their visit was to examine something
...ich they expected to discover there; and
...r haste betokened their fear that the ap-
...oaching shades of twilight might conceal it
...m their view. They happened to reach the
...eet of water at the very point where I was
...ated, and having anxiously surveyed it for
...few seconds, the lady pointing to the Swan,
...e gentleman exclaimed, "Pooh! that is no
...wan; that's nothing but a big Goose!" I
...fess for a moment, I felt irritated and dis-
...sted at what I very uncharitably conceived
...be the most unpardonable stupidity in my
...mpanions; but better and more charitable
...ughts soon dismissed all irritation from my
...nd. I felt it was unjust in me to be an-
...yed by the ignorance of my neighbours. I
...ngratulated myself on the superior advan-
...ges I had enjoyed; I had travelled much; I
...d seen many Swans.

The noble bird, as he sailed gracefully a-
...ng, seemed to read me a lesson which, I
...rust, in after life, I may profit by recollect-
...g. Seeing his own beautiful form reflected
...om the face of Nature's Mirror, he was in
...o degree annoyed by the uncourteous obser-
...ation of the stranger. He felt that to call
...m a goose did not alter his identity. He
...lt that he was really and truly, a Swan. So
...entlemen, has it been with Doctor George
...'Clellan's colleagues. They know, and
...hey justly appreciate the high order of his
...tellect. They feel that every person who
...becomes acquainted with him, must admit
...hat he is a most eminent and highly gifted
...urgeon; and should any one from his not
...aving had the advantage of his acquaintance,
...e ignorant of this fact, they do not feel an-
...ry with them on account of their ignorance;
...hey only congratulate themselves on their
...wn superior good fortune. You, gentlemen,
...ave had opportunities for estimating the ta-
...ents and the superior acquirements of your
...Professor of Surgery; and should you at any
...ime hereafter hear them questioned by others,
...who may not have enjoyed your advantages,
...recall to mind the lesson taught, and the mo-
...al inculcated by 'THE STORY OF THE SWAN.'

Before I conclude these introductory ob-
...servations, I would guard you against over-
...estimating the talents and the reputation of
...those members of your profession, who resid-
...ng at a distance, are only known to you by
...their fame, whilst you do not justly appreci-
...ate the characters of the distinguished men
...with whom you are associated; with whom you
...are in daily communication; and the powers
...of whose minds are open to your own obser-
...vation.

I am, myself, gentlemen, as you are aware,
...a foreigner, and I can hardly be suspected of
...having a wish to lower your admiration of my
...countrymen, or of that of the other distin-
...guished men of science in Europe. But al-
...though I am a Scotchman, and although I do
...glory in my country, I have no paltry, pitiful
...national prejudices. I desire that all men
...should receive that meed of admiration to
...which their talents and acquirements entitle
...them; and I am, therefore, induced to make a
...remark, and to offer you a caution, which I
...am persuaded you will in your future inter-
...course with mankind, find to be founded on
...truth.

My friend, Thomas Campbell, the distin-
...guished author of the 'PLEASURES OF HOPE,'
...in speaking of the effect of distance on the
...objects of creation, beautifully expresses him-
...self:

"'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view,
And robes the landscape in her roseate hue."

Distance has, in fact, the power of enchant-
...ment, not only on the scenery of the land-
...scape, but likewise on the characters of men.

It is probable that some of the gentlemen
...to whom I now address myself, reside in the
...neighbourhood of an extensive sheet of wa-
...ter. For example, the Chesapeake Bay; if it
...be so, I will recall to your minds a fact which
...must frequently have excited your attention