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BIBLE CONVENTION FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

The following is a copy of a Circular about being addressed to the Reverend Clergy and Bible Societies of our State:

Baltimore, March 2d, 1833.

Dear Sirs,
The Young Men's Bible Society of this city, in connexion with other Societies, has recently commenced a second time to supply the destitute families in our state with the Bible.

In the general supply of the state a few years since, there was often found a great want of system in our operations; in consequence of which the work was not as thoroughly accomplished in all cases as could be desired. Having learned something from the past, we are of opinion, that a little timely attention and exertion, to avoid the present undertaking, but a system devised which will insure a regular and permanent supply of the Sacred Scriptures hereafter to every destitute household in our state.

In view of this contemplated re-supply, it is thought by some of the friends of the cause here, that it would be extremely judicious to establish such uniform plan operations throughout the state as would secure the harmonious and efficient co-operation of ALL. For this purpose it has been suggested that a BIBLE CONVENTION FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND be held in the city of Baltimore on the first day of May next, to which every Christian congregation and Bible Society in the state, and that part of the District of Columbia lying north of the Potomac, shall be invited to send one or more delegates, without regard to age; as it is rather expected nor desired that the work should devolve exclusively upon the young men of Maryland. The Society we represent at the organ of this call upon our brethren throughout the state, and we hope it will be promptly responded to by those of every age and condition in life. When infidelity dares to show its hideous front, and stalk abroad among us in open day; or its more deceptive, but not less dangerous shape, attempts to subvert those precious articles of our holy faith which are alike the refuge of the sinner, and the consolation of the saint; surely it becomes the Christians of America to take the alarm in time, and make and keep their land the land of Bibles.

Many important suggestions are expected to claim the serious attention of the Convention, and its proceedings cannot fail, we think, to be regarded with no ordinary interest. It will prove a salutary example to the sister States; must give a powerful impulse to the cause throughout the Union. It is believed that it will be numerous and ably attended, affording gratifying evidence to our brethren abroad how much the Christians of Maryland love the truth and simplicity of the Bible, and how deep is the anxiety they feel that others may possess the heavenly boon.—We feel assured that no Bible Society or congregation of Christians within its boundaries, will consent to remain unrepresented in a Convention for the avowed and only object consulting upon the great interests of our salvation in the wide dissemination of Sacred Scriptures. Let us then meet in name of our common Lord and Saviour, amidst the cordial interchange of our daily greetings, present to our country and world a spectacle so solemn, so sublime, so instructive, as that of an assemblage of Christians, of every sect and denomination, sacrificing for a season their differences of opinion at the foot of the Cross,—the circulation of the BIBLE, without note or comment, their holy bond of union!

It is respectfully requested that this letter be submitted to the congregation under your pastoral charge, who are hereby invited to elect one or more lay delegates to the proposed convention as early as convenient. You will oblige us by immediately communicating the result to our Corresponding Secretary, in behalf of the "Young Men's Bible Society of Baltimore." We have the honour to be very respectfully, your obedient servants,
WM. P. LEMMON, President.
GUYTON JONES, Corresp'dg. Sec.

All Editors throughout the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia, are respectfully requested to give the above more insertions in their respective papers.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill empowering Peter Wood Crain to complete the collections of Jesse C. Cook, deceased, late sheriff and collector of Charles county, Also,

The bill to incorporate the Female Seminary of Boonsborough in Washington county. The bill to alter and change the location of a public road therein mentioned.

The further supplement to the act, for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing Free Schools in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as relates to Harford county.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Tuesday, March 12th, four o'clock, p. m. The clerk of the senate returned the supplement to an act to make valid certain proceedings passed at December session, 1826, 99.

Also, the supplement to an act, declaring the power of the governor in certain criminal cases, passed at November session, 1795, ch. 23. Also, the bill to confirm an act to alter and

repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Frederick county, into twelve districts, and for other purposes, passed at Dec. session 1831, ch. 110.

Also, the bill to lay out and open a road in Frederick and Baltimore counties; Also, the bill to incorporate the town commonly called and known by the name of East New Market, in Dorchester county.

Also, the bill relating to certain trespasses upon real estate, severally endorsed, will pass, and ordered to be engrossed. Also, the bill for the relief of Edward W. Belt, former collector of Prince George's county.

Also, the bill to authorise the inhabitants of the several Primary School Districts, in Queen Anne's county to levy a tax on the property in said districts for the establishment of schools, 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.
On motion by Mr. Hammond, the committee to whom was referred the petition relative to the introduction of the Rail Road, into Frederick county, in Frederick county, was enlarged to five, by adding thereto Messrs. White and Pratt.

The house then adjourned.

Wednesday, March 15th, 1833.

Mr. Jenkins presented the petition of John Prinsance, and others, members of the Baltimore Bar, praying for a modification of the system recently established for the administration of justice in Baltimore county courts.

And Mr. Harper presented a petition of sundry members of the Baltimore Bar, counter the petition praying for a modification of the system recently established for the administration of justice in Baltimore county courts.

Mr. Mudd reported a bill for the protection of feme covert in certain cases, and to prevent the frequent necessity of divorces a mensa et thoro.

The house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, a further supplement to an act to incorporate the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road company.

On motion by Mr. Jenkins the house was called and the door-keeper sent for the absent members.

The door-keeper having returned, reported that in obedience to order, he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act to incorporate the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company.

Mr. Johnson moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table; Determined in the negative.

Mr. Cottman called for the previous question, which being demanded by a majority of the members present, the said previous question was put, viz:—

"Shall the main question be now put?— And it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken on the second amendment.
Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by two other members who voted in the majority, the house reconsidered their vote upon the bill, entitled, An act for the division of Baltimore and Frederick counties, and for erecting a new one by the name of Carroll; The house then adjourned.

Four o'clock, p. m.

The bill reported by Mr. Jenkins from the committee on education for incorporating the Gorantown Academy in Baltimore county, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Jenkins to authorise the extension of Light street in the city of Baltimore, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Jenkins relating to a part of Caroline street in the city of Baltimore, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Lantz to provide for an alteration in the constitution, so as to make certain alterations and changes in several election districts in Allegany county, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill empowering Peter Wood Crain to complete the collections of Jesse C. Cook, deceased, late sheriff and collector of Charles county, Also,

The bill to incorporate the Female Seminary of Boonsborough in Washington county. The bill to alter and change the location of a public road therein mentioned.

The bill to exempt certain persons from serving as jurors.
The bill for the relief of Peggy Smith, and David Smith, her son, persons of colour.

The supplement to the act regulating the manner of levying on the assessable property in Anne Arundel county, for the support of Primary Schools in said county.

The bill to lay out and open a road through Frederick and Baltimore counties.
The supplement to the act for the revaluation of real and personal property in Anne Arundel county, passed at the present session of the general assembly.

The bill to make public the road therein mentioned.
The bill to prevent playing Long Bullets, at or near Creager's town in Frederick county.

The bill to blend Newtown (Trap) and New Freedom in Frederick county, into one by the name of Jefferson, and to establish boundaries of lots by commissioners, and to incorporate the same.

The bill to repeal the 6th section of the act of 1827, chapter 160, to extend the powers of the commissioners of the school fund in Queen Anne's county, and to encourage the establishment of Free Schools in said county, and for other purposes.

Also, the supplement to an act, to compel the Registers of Wills, in the several counties, therein mentioned, to keep each, his office at the seat of justice, in the county for which he shall be Register.

Also, the bill to lay out and open a road in Montgomery, Arundel, and Baltimore counties.

Also, the bill, to incorporate the Hereford Savings Institution, of Baltimore county.

Also, the bill, to incorporate the Beavercreek and Harrington Branch Canal Company, severally endorsed, will pass, ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the additional supplement to an act, to incorporate the Port Deposit and Chesapeake Turnpike road company, passed at December session, 1827, chapter 200.

Also, the bill, to authorise an exchange of certain lots therein mentioned, 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 release any right which the state may have to the real and personal estate of the late Jacob Hambleton; free negro, and for other purposes.

Also, the bill, to regulate ferries, in Somerset county, severally endorsed, will pass with the proposed amendments.

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

Also, the bill, to limit the time for entering and filing caveats to last wills and testaments, and for other purposes.

Also, the further additional supplementary act, to establish orphan courts, in the several counties of this state, passed at February session, 1777, severally endorsed, will not pass.

Also, the resolution in favour of Ann Martin, of Prince George's county, endorsed, "assented to," ordered to be engrossed.

And, delivered a bill originated in and passed by the senate, entitled, A supplement to the act, to define and enlarge the powers of courts of equity.

Which was read and referred to committee on grievances and courts of justice,
Also the following message—
By the Senate,

March 12th, 1833.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,
The peculiarly arduous duties of the office of chief judge of the fifth Judicial District, the present incumbent of which is also chief judge of the court of appeals, and the inadequate indemnity which the salary of that officer affords for his expenses, and for the time occupied in his judicial labours, appear to require of the general assembly to consider the propriety of some increased compensation for the important services of that station.

Being incompetent constitutionally to originate any provision that might appear proper for the case in question, we would respectfully submit the subject to the consideration of your honourable body.
The house then adjourned.

Thursday, March 14, 1833.

Mr. Turner moved to correct that part of the journal in relation to the vote of reconsideration on the bill, entitled, An act for the division of Baltimore and Frederick counties and for erecting a new one by the name of Carroll, by striking out the word "reconsidered," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "refused to reconsider."

Determined in the negative.
The bill from the senate, to repeal an act passed at December session, 1829, to provide for the election of the levy court of Queen Anne's county, by the people, passed by this house on yesterday with an amendment, was returned to the senate.

Mr. Staley presented a petition of Mary Ann Paxton, of Frederick county, praying to be divorced a vinculo matrimonii, from her husband Robert Paxton.

And Mr. Harris presented a petition of sanctorum citizens of Saint Mary's county, praying for the repeal of the 28th section of an

act, for founding a college on the western shore of this state, passed November session 1784, chapter 37, so far as relates to Saint Mary's county.

Mr. Hearst, from the committee on the militia, delivered the following report:—
The committee on the militia, to whom was referred an order of the house of delegates of the 25th February last, instructing them to examine into the state of the public arms now in the armory at Annapolis; also, to inquire into the expediency of distributing the same amongst the militia throughout the state, and abolish the offices of armorsers of the state, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That they have examined the arms now in the armory at Annapolis, and find that there are about one thousand muskets, and some few rifles that will require a small expenditure to put them in a condition to prevent them from further injury. These arms consist of such as have been in the hands of the militia, and returned in bad order; and a small quantity that was received from the general government as a part of our quota annually distributed amongst the states, which were injured by being exposed to wet or dampness. With the exception of those, the balance of the arms were in excellent condition.

By reference to the reports from the armorsers at Eastern and Frederick, the committee find that most of the public arms at those places want cleaning, it will therefore be necessary to have them also put in good condition, so that they may not be destroyed. Your committee therefore recommend to the legislature the passage of a resolution authorising the executive to have those arms cleaned, and put in good order. A small expenditure will be sufficient at this time to do it, and will save the state from a considerable loss; for your committee are fully convinced that a portion of the arms requiring cleaning will, if not attended to at once, become valueless; and the committee are of opinion that after the arms shall have been put in good condition, that it ought to be the duty of the different armorsers to keep them so.

Your committee are decidedly of opinion that it is not expedient to distribute the arms amongst the militia throughout the state. We know from experience that they will not take that care of them which is necessary to keep them in the order proper for actual service, this is proved conclusively by the wretched condition in which the arms were found to be at the close of the late war, when they were collected together, and, in several instances, when arms have been distributed to uniform companies, they have been returned so much damaged from neglect, that it will be difficult to repair them so as to render them fit to be used in time of war.

The number of arms now in the different armories of the state amount to twelve pieces of cannon, six thousand, three hundred and sixty-nine muskets, eight hundred and forty-one rifles, three hundred and ninety-nine swords, and three hundred and forty-two pistols, and a large amount of other property consisting of ammunition, camp equipage, accoutrements, &c. worth in all at least sixty thousand dollars.

Your committee believe those articles could not be purchased for any thing like that sum, and further they could not be replaced when wanted. Your committee therefore think it would not be wise to hazard the loss of so large an amount of property by distributing it amongst the militia at large, in order to save the small sum which the state has to pay annually for its preservation; and so long as it shall be kept together the state will have it under its control, so that when any necessity may occur for its use it will always be ready; but if it should be distributed amongst the militia at large, it will be partially destroyed, and be attended with much difficulty and expense to get it together, should it become necessary to do so. Your committee would further recommend, that in future, it would be better to distribute to uniform companies such arms as have been partially injured; they would answer as well for purposes of training in time of peace as the best; and should they be destroyed, the loss would not be so great.

They recommend the passage of the following resolutions:—
Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the executive be and they are hereby authorised to cause such of the arms as may require it, in the different armories of the state, to be cleaned and put in good order, under the superintendence of the armorsers, so that they may be preserved from further injury by rust;—and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby required to pay to the order of the executive, any sum or sums that may be necessary for that purpose.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the several armorsers of the state, after the arms in their respective armories shall have been put in good condition, to keep them so, and defray the expense thereof out of their salaries; and the Adjutant General shall inspect the arms in the armory at Annapolis as now required, and in future shall cause those in the armories at Eastern and Frederick, also to be inspected annually, and notice the same in his annual report to the executive.

Mr. Ellicott reported a bill supplementary to an act, to provide for building a bridge over Patapsco Falls, at or near the Thistle Factory, passed at December session, 1831, chapter 27.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, the house took up for consideration the bill entitled, An act

for the division of Baltimore and Frederick counties, and for erecting a new one by the name of Carroll.

Mr. Ely moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill,
Determined in the negative.

Mr. Ely then offered as a substitute for said bill, A bill entitled, An act to take the sense of the people of Baltimore and Frederick counties, on the propriety of erecting a new county out of parts of said counties,
Which was read.

On the question being put, will the house adopt the substitute,
It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Turner moved to amend said bill by striking out in the first section, twelfth line, from the word "county," to the end of said section, and inserting the following:—
"And be it enacted, That the levy court of Frederick county, and the commissioners of Baltimore county shall on the passage and confirmation of this act, appoint three suitable and disinterested persons from each county, whose duty it shall be to review said county, and determine on a suitable and convenient site for the seat of justice in said county; and before they proceed to act, shall take an oath or affirmation, as the case may be, and on their determination it shall be final."

Determined in the negative.
Mr. Johnson moved to amend said bill by adding at the end of the first section, the following:

"The county surveyor of Baltimore county, or his deputy, shall at least one month before the next October election, run as herein intended, the eastern parallel line of the new county; or in the event of their indisposition, the county surveyor of Frederick county, or his deputy, shall run said line, at the expense of the new county designated, if the county should be established, and if not, at the joint expense of Frederick & Baltimore counties."

Mr. Ely moved to amend said amendment by striking out that part which relates to the running of the line at the joint expense of Frederick and Baltimore counties;

Determined in the negative.
On motion by Mr. Jenkins, said amendment was amended by striking out from the word "line" to the end of said amendment, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Upon the application of at least twenty of the residents of the said contemplated new county, and at their expense."

The question then recurred upon the amendment as amended;
Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, said bill was further amended, by adding at the end thereof, the following proviso:—
"Provided nevertheless, that at the next annual election in October, the judges of election for the counties of Frederick and Baltimore, within the limits of the new county herein designated, shall ask each qualified voter, whether he is for or against the establishment of the new county, and in those districts which may be segregated by the said county lines shall vote at their usual places of election, and the judges shall keep two separate columns open in order that all these votes living within the limits of the new county may have their names recorded for or against the new county, and should a majority in either that part of the new county taken from Baltimore, or a majority in that part of the new county taken from Frederick, be against the new county this law shall be inoperative; but should a majority of the voters within both those parts of Frederick and Baltimore counties taken within the designated limits be in favour of the new county, then this law shall be operative."

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, and passed.

The hour for taking up the orders of the day having arrived,

The house proceeded to consider the first order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Brewer, entitled, An act for the extension and renewal of the charter of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, and branches, and for other purposes, and the amendments reported by the committee on ways and means, to said bill.

Mr. Brewer moved to amend the first amendment, by striking from the words "Western Shore," to the end of said amendment, and inserting in lieu thereof, these words, "or of the directors of the said bank for the time being, elected by the state, who may be required by either branch of the legislature to make a report thereon."

Resolved in the affirmative.
The question then recurred upon the amendment as amended.
Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Brewer, then moved to amend the second amendment, by striking out the words "similar property," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "incorporated banks."

Resolved in the affirmative.
The said bill was then read the second time, and passed as amended.

The clerk of the senate returned the further supplement to an act to incorporate the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail-road company.

Also, the bill for incorporating the Govanstown Academy, in Baltimore county.

Also, the bill relating to a part of Caroline street, in the city of Baltimore;

Also, the supplement to an act to authorise the levy court of Frederick county to appoint