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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 Public Societies of our State:

Baltimore, March 24, 1833.

Dear Sir:—The Young Men's Bible Society of this city, in connection 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 Bibles in our operations; in consequence of which the work was not as could be desired. Having learned some years since that the want of Bibles was a little timely attention and exertion, a series of former inexperience may not be avoided in the present undertaking, but system devised which will insure a regular and permanent supply of the Sacred Scriptures to every destitute household in our state.

In view of this contemplated re-supply, it has been thought by some of the friends of the cause here, that it would be extremely desirable to establish such uniform plan of 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 of 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 expected not desired that the work should devolve exclusively upon the young men of Maryland. The Society we represent is the organ of this call upon our brethren throughout the state, and we hope it will be actively 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 days; or its more deplorable but not less noxious shape, attempts to subvert those precious articles of our holy faith which are the jewels of the crown; the consultation of the saints seems to be the Christian's of America to take the same in time, and make and keep their land and our Bibles.

Many important suggestions are expected to claim the serious attention of the Convention, and its proceedings cannot fail, we think, to prove a salutary example to the sister States of our confederacy, and by the Divine blessing must give a powerful impulse to the cause throughout the Union. It is hoped that it will be unanimously and joyfully attended, affording gratifying evidence to our eyes and hearts, 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 assembled upon the great interests of the salvation in the wide dissemination of the Sacred Scriptures. Let us then meet in the name of our common Lord and Saviour, amidst the cordial interchange of our friendly greetings, present to our country and our world a spectacle so solemn, so sublime, and 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 local 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 a result to our Corresponding Secretary, in behalf of the Young Men's Bible Society of Baltimore, your obedient servants,  
WM. P. LEMMON, President.  
Dr. Green Jones, Corresponding Sec.

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

**MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.**  
**HOUSE OF DELEGATES.**

Tuesday, March 19th 1833.  
Mr. Lantz presented a petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying a law be passed calling a convention to reform the constitution of Maryland.

And Mr. G. A. Thomas, presented a petition of Ann Tomkins, of Cecil county, to be forced from her husband William Tomkins.

Mr. Brewer from the committee, on grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the bill presented by Mr. Compton to authorize Wm. Stewart, of A. Arundel county, to establish and keep a public ferry across South River, from Mill Lott Point to Aberdeen in said county, reported unfavourably thereon.

Mr. Mull from the committee on insolvent debtors, reported a bill for the relief of Benjamin Buck, of the city of Baltimore.

The house resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act relating to free negroes and slaves, passed at December session 1831, ch. 323.

On motion by Mr. Ely, 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 supplement to an act, entitled, an act relating to free negroes and slaves, passed at December session 1831, ch. 323.

The question was first taken on assenting to the first amendment.

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Pratt then moved that the amendments be rejected.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Pratt submitted the following message: Gentlemen of the senate.

We have considered the amendments of your honorable body to the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act relating to free negroes and slaves, passed at December session 1831, chapter 323, and respectfully ask that you will reconsider the same, and recede therefrom.

Mr. Jenkins moved to amend said message, by adding at the end thereof, the following, and strike out the second section of the bill, we believe said section is in violation of the second section of the fourth article of the constitution of the U. States?

Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of making a Canal to connect the waters of Lewis' Creek with Indian River, and the Chesapeake Bay, by Potomac River.

Also, the bill entitled, an act supplementing an act to provide for building a bridge over the Patuxent Falls, at or near the Thistle Factory, passed at December session 1831, ch. 27.

Also, the further supplement to an act to incorporate a company to make a Turnpike road from the District of Columbia to the city of Baltimore, passed at December session 1832, ch. 78.

Also, the bill relating to Pine street in the city of Baltimore, severally endorsed 'will pass,' and ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the bill for the relief of Mary Ann Paxton of Frederick county.

Also, the bill to divorce Elizabeth Ness of the city of Baltimore, for her husband Samuel Ness; 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 the 23th section of an act for founding a college on the western shore of this state, and constituting the same together with Washington college on the eastern shore into one University, by the name of 'The University of Maryland,' passed at November session, 1784, ch. 57, so far as relates to St. Mary's county.

Also, the bill to appoint Abraham Wampler and John Kuhn of Frederick county, trustees for the sale of a certain real estate, lying in Baltimore county; severally endorsed 'will pass.'

The hour for taking up the order of the day having arrived the house proceeded to consider the order of the day being the bill reported by Mr. Pratt, entitled, 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. Bruff, the house was called and the door-keeper sent for the absent members.

On motion by Mr. Bruff, the house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session, during the absence of the door keeper.

The bill reported by Mr. Jones, to continue in force the acts of assembly, which would expire with the present session of the general assembly.

And, the bill reported by Mr. Ely to compel the President and Managers of the several Turnpike road companies, incorporated by an act, entitled, an act to incorporate companies to make several Turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, passed January 12th 1833, ch. 51, to keep their respective roads in repair, agreeably to the provisions of said act of Incorporation.

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

The bill reported by Mr. Lantz to repeal an act to establish and incorporate a Medical and Chirurgical Faculty or society in the state of Maryland, and the supplement thereto, so far as relate to Allegany and Montgomery counties, were taken up.

Mr. White moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill.

Resolved in the affirmative.

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 a supplement to an act to reduce into one the several acts of assembly respecting elections, and to regulate said elections.

Mr. Davall, of A. A. moved to lay said bill on the table.

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Bruff moved to amend said bill, by striking out in the ninth line first section, the word 'seventy,' in the 27th line in the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:—

'All that part of Cecil county comprehending election districts, numbers one and two, designated, marked out and bounded shall compose the second district; all that part of Cecil county comprehending election districts, numbers three and four, as each of said districts is now known, designated, marked out and bounded; Harford county, and all that part of Baltimore county comprehending election districts, numbers four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve, as they are known, designated, marked out and bounded, shall compose the third district; that the residue of Baltimore county, the city of Baltimore, and all that part of Frederick county comprehending election districts, numbers two, six, seven and eleven, as they are known, designated, marked out and bounded, shall compose the fourth district; and that all that of Frederick county comprehending election districts, numbers one, eight and nine, Montgomery county and A. Arundel county, and the city of Annapolis, shall compose the fifth district; that the residue of Frederick county, Washington county and Allegany county, shall compose the sixth district.' Determined in the negative.

Mr. Bruff then moved to amend said section by inserting in the ninth line, after the word 'and' the following, 'the first and second districts of.'

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Jenkins moved to amend said bill by striking out from the word 'district,' in the 1st section, eleventh line, to the word 'district,' in the 19th line thereof, and insert in lieu thereof the following:—

'That the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, and Anne Arundel county, shall compose the fourth district and be entitled to elect two members.'

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Johnson moved to amend said section, by striking out in the twenty first line thereof, the words 'and ten,' and insert in lieu thereof, the words, 'eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen.'

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, said section was further amended by striking out in the 25th line thereof, the words 'eleven, twelve,' and inserting in lieu thereof, 'and ten.'

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

'And be it enacted, That the voters of the several wards in the city of Baltimore, included in the same Congressional District, with Anne Arundel county and the city of Annapolis, be and they are hereby required to register their names within a month previous to the election of members to congress, in a book to be kept for that purpose by the Register of the said city, and no person shall be considered a legal voter, whose name shall not have been registered as aforesaid.'

Mr. Jenkins moved to amend said amendment, by adding at the end thereof, the following:

'And the voters of the several districts of Anne Arundel county, and the city of Annapolis, shall in like manner record their names with the clerk of Anne Arundel county court, in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall not be entitled to vote unless their names be recorded in the said book as aforesaid.'

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Burgess moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Compton, by adding at the end thereof, the following:

'And be it enacted, That the voters of all the other counties in the state shall record their names, in the offices of the clerks of the county court, of the counties in which they reside, at least one month before the said elections, in books to be kept for that purpose, and shall not be entitled to vote unless their names be recorded as aforesaid.'

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Burgess moved to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Compton, by adding at the end thereof, the following:

'And be it enacted, That the voters of the city of Annapolis, shall in like manner register their votes in a book kept for that purpose in said city.'

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred and was put, will the house adopt the amendment?

Determined in the negative.

The house then adjourned.

Wednesday, March 20, 1833.

Mr. Ely presented a petition of the commissioners of public free schools in the first election district of Baltimore county, praying the passage of an act for the benefit of said schools.

Mr. Turner from the committee on the coloured population, to which was referred the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to people of colour in this state, reported the same with the following amendments:—

Amendments Proposed.

1st. Strike out the word 'neither,' in the 6th line, of the 2d section, and insert the words 'either not.'

2d. In 7th line, same section, strike out the word 'been,' and insert not.'

3d. Add the following as additional sections.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That any deeds of manumission executed and recorded before the passage of the act of December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-three, and attested only by one witness, shall be as good and effectual to all intents and purposes, as if they had been attested by two witnesses, and according to law, and a copy thereof, and record of any such deeds shall have the same effect as if said deed had been duly attested and recorded within the time prescribed by law.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That if any slave, or any person for or in behalf of such slave, shall previously to the passage of the act to which this is a supplement, have entered into an agreement or understanding for the purchase or acquisition of the freedom of the said slave with the person or persons entitled to the services of such slave, and there shall have been paid or performed all or any portion of the stipulated price or consideration for such freedom, before the passage of this act, and the slave shall have been, or shall hereafter be manumitted in consideration of the entire payment or performance of said price or consideration, it shall be the duty of any orphan's court of this state, or of the Baltimore city court, when satisfied of the facts aforesaid by testimony, to grant a permit to such manumitted slave, or to the issue born after such manumission of such slave, if such slave be a female, to remain as free in this state to the same effect, as if the act, to which this is a supplement, had not been passed, and it shall be the duty of the clerks of the county courts, upon the production and exhibition of such permits, to record the same and to grant to the said slave or issue aforesaid, certificates of his, her or their freedom.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That every fire-lock of every kind, and every military weapon, which shall have antecedently to the passage of this act, been taken away from any free negro or mulatto, and shall not have been forfeited to the use of the informer, according to the sixth section of the act, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-three, shall be sold by the justice of the peace, or other persons, in whose possession it may be, and the net proceeds, after deducting expenses, shall be paid over to such free negro or mulatto, by the said justice or other person.

Which amendments were read the first and second time by special order.

The 1st and 2d amendments were assented to.

Mr. Jones moved to amend the 3d amendment by striking after the word 'consideration,' 4th section, the following:—

'Or shall have been permitted to go at large as free, and shall have been so considered and known, for a period of time, not less than ten years, in consequence of such payment or performance, before the passage of the act to which this is a supplement, and who shall not be claimed by any person, having a legal title to such slave.'

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hollman, the 3d amendment was amended by striking out in 5th section, fourth line, the words 'or shall hereafter be taken away.'

The question was then put, will the house assent to the amendment as amended?

Resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill was then read the second time, and passed with the proposed amendments.

On motion by Mr. Jenkins, the house took up for consideration, the report submitted by him from the committee on education, on the 2d inst. relative to the distribution of the school fund.

Mr. Roberts offered as a substitute for said report, the following:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to transfer to the free schools fund, the stock and cash now to the credit of the common free schools fund, and distribute the same amongst the several counties, in the same proportion as the free schools fund is now by law distributable.

Which was read.

Mr. Harper moved to amend said substitute by striking out all after the word 'Resolved,' to the end of said resolution, and insert in lieu thereof the following:—

'That so much of the fund alluded to in the 25th section of the act of 1825, chapter 182, as would be distributed to the city of Baltimore under the provisions of the said section of the said act, shall be paid, and the treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same to the order of the mayor of the city of Baltimore.'

Mr. Wright, of Dorchester, moved to postpone said resolution, and substitute;

Resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill,

for the re-assessment and re-valuation of the real and personal property in Prince-Georges county.

Also, the bill to continue in force the acts of Assembly which would expire with the present session of the General Assembly.

Also, the bill, for the relief of Benjamin Wilson, of Queen Anne's county.

Also, the bill to provide for the payment of Jurors in Allegany county.

Also, the act supplementary to an act passed at December session 1826, chapter 128, relating to the preservation of the breed of fish in the Patuxent river; severally endorsed, 'will pass,' ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the bill, to authorize the extension of Light street, in the city of Baltimore.

Also, the bill providing for the appointment of time inspectors, for the city of Baltimore, and prescribing their duties.

Also, the bill, to incorporate the Savings Institution of Somerset and Worcester counties, at Salisbury.

Also, the bill, for the re-assessment and re-valuation of all the real and personal property in Allegany county.

Severally endorsed 'will pass, with the proposed amendments.'

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

Also, a further supplement to an act to appoint Thomas Harris Jr. of the city of Annapolis, trustee for the sale of the real estate of John Gwynn, late of said city, deceased, passed at November session 1810, chapter 29, endorsed, 'will not pass.'

Also the resolution relative to Prince Frederick Town Academy in Calvert county, endorsed, assented to.

And delivered a bill, originated in and passed by the senate, entitled, An act to regulate proceedings against corporations.

Which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

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 committee on the constitution, to whom were referred sundry petitions, &c. relative to reform of the constitution.

On motion by Mr. Wright, of Dorchester, the house was called and the door keeper sent for the absent members.

On motion by Mr. Wright of Dorchester, the house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the door keeper.

On motion by Mr. Wright of Dorchester, the house took up for consideration, the preamble and resolutions submitted by him on the 4th inst. in relation to certain resolutions from the state of Delaware.

Mr. Jones moved to refer the said preamble and resolutions, to a select committee of five.

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Jones then moved to amend the first resolution by striking out from the word, 'proposition,' in the ninth line to the end of said resolution.

Determined in the negative.

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

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 order of the day; being the report of the committee on the constitution, relative to a reform of the constitution.

The said report and resolutions were then read the second time.

Mr. Morsell, moved to refer said report and resolutions to the consideration of the next general assembly.

Mr. Harris, called for the previous question, and being demanded by a majority of the members present, the said previous question was then put, viz. 'shall the main question be now put,' and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, on concurring in the report, and assenting to the resolutions therein contained.

Determined in the negative.

The house then adjourned.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

On motion by Mr. Jenkins, Ordered, That the committee on education be discharged from the further consideration of the several matters heretofore referred to them, and which have not been reported on.

On motion by Mr. Harper, Ordered, That the committee on the coloured population be discharged from the further consideration of the unfinished business before them.

Mr. Brewer, submitted the following resolution—

By the House of Delegates.

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, that the treasurer of the western shore, be and he is hereby authorized to, liquidate and pay the postage due from the members of the present session, and required annually hereafter to liquidate and pay the amount of postage chargeable against each and every member of the legislature during his attendance on the same.

**PROSPECTUS**  
For publishing by subscription, a weekly Journal in Port-Tobacco, Charles county, Md. to be entitled  
"THE PORT-TOBACCO PRESS,  
and Charles County Advertiser."

IN presenting to the public the design of publishing a paper at Port-Tobacco, it is only necessary briefly to explain the plan that is intended to be pursued.

Almost every county in the state has a newspaper printed in it, and it has long been a subject of surprise and regret, that the wealthy, intelligent and industrious population of the two counties, (St. Mary's and Charles) should have remained so long destitute of a paper printed and published within their limits. The proprietors of the present plan, confident of liberal support from an enlightened and generous public, have issued this prospectus, as an intimation of desiring themselves to be better acquainted with the public mind, and to be enabled to increase (as far as their humble means will extend) the general stock of information, and enlarging the sphere of useful knowledge, and columns will be yielded to Literature, the Muses. The current news of the day, be faithfully and correctly given, whether foreign or domestic nature, and the principles of Religion and Morality, are judiciously interspersed. With these views, it is proposed, that the publication will meet with liberal patronage. It will be commenced as soon as sufficient number of subscribers can be obtained.

It will be printed on a super-royal size, with new and fashionable type. The price subscription will be two dollars, if paid in three months, and two dollars and a half, if not paid until the expiration of the year.

A. GARRETT,  
F. M. JARBOE.

Postmasters receiving copies of the Prospectus, are respectfully requested to forward their influence in procuring subscribers, and to forward the same, with the names, such as they may have obtained, to

FRANCIS M. JARBOE,  
February 21, 1833.

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This periodical commenced in October, with a popular novel of Walden, or the Swedes in Prussia, which cost in London six dollars; it is continued in the two numbers and a half of the circulating library, costing subscribers less than twenty cents.

This was succeeded by the Memoirs of Lavater, which cost the publisher to import eight dollars, and was likewise contained in the same space and at the same price.

The sixth number, commencing the works of Mr. Vigne, ending in London six dollars, will be printed entire in the circulating library for one cent.

This enumeration of prices, the price of the books, and the facility of transportation, will be sufficient to induce those who receive the prospectus, to use some exertion to extend the circulation of the work in their respective neighbourhoods, as, if encouraged here, it will be the intention to go to the assistance of the public in the best of the books which interest the London press.

The price is five dollars for 25 numbers, which contain as much matter as 120 to 200 of those of the works of the Cyclopaedia. This volume will be printed at least from twenty-five to thirty entire, and printed on good paper, and with the same accuracy as book work. It will form two volumes of 400 pages each, will be worth of preservation for reference, and a valuable addition to every public and private library.

The publisher feels confident in stating, that, under 52 numbers, when bound, will sell for more than the subscription price, as after a few more are issued, no more will be printed than will pay the cost of the subscription.

Still further to increase the facilities of subscribers, the publisher has added another inducement, for the purpose of joining their remittance. Twenty dollars will be received in full for the subscription of five numbers. This deduction will pay all postage.

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The gentleman who makes the selection for the periodical, to literary taste and education, has, in this situation, facilities for knowing what is possible of high reputation possessed by few; in this he adds a proper sense of the responsibility he has assumed in catering for an extended and miscellaneous community. The publisher therefore confidently recommends the circulating library to heads of families, as a work which they need have no fear of introducing into any circle.

The ensuing number will contain a highly popular novel, by the English Opium Eater.

ADAM WALDEN,  
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caries' Library, back of the Arcade, where sub-  
scriptions will be gratefully received.

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*A sprig of the Work may be seen at the office of the Maryland Gazette, where Subscriptions will be received.*

**Prince-George's County Court**  
October Term, 1832.

**ORDERED BY THE COURT,** That the creditors of Edmund Key and William N. Dinscott, petitioners for the benefit of the Insolvent Laws of the State of Maryland, do appear before the court at Upper Marlborough Town, on the first Monday in April next, to file allegations, (if any they have) and to recommend a permanent trustee for their benefit.

Test, AQUILA BEALL CLK.  
Of Prince George's County Court.  
Dec. 27—law 5m