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LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND
HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Tuesday, December 31st, 1833.
Present the same members as on yesterday.

Mr. Lathrop, Esq. a delegate returned from Anne Arundel county, William W. Esq. a delegate returned from Somerset county, Josiah Hawkins, Esq. a delegate from Charles county, and Jacob Lutz, Esq. a delegate returned from Allegany county, all of whom appeared, qualified, and took their seats.

The house proceeded to ballot for a speaker, the ballots of the members being collected in a ballot box, on examination thereof, it appeared that Thomas Wright 3d, Esq. received thirty eight votes; and Hugh Ely, Esq. received thirty seven votes.

Mr. Wright, Thomas Wright 3d, Esq. was elected Speaker of the House of Delegates, and accordingly took the chair. The house proceeded to ballot for a clerk, the ballots of the members being collected in a ballot box, on examination thereof, it appeared that Louis Gassaway received thirty one votes, and that George G. Brewer received thirty seven votes.

Mr. Gassaway was declared elected assistant clerk of the House of Delegates, and qualified as such. The house proceeded to ballot for an assistant clerk, the ballots of the members being collected in a ballot box, on examination thereof, it appeared that George W. Sharp received thirty one votes, and that S. H. Taggart received thirty seven votes.

Mr. Gassaway was declared elected assistant clerk of the House of Delegates, and qualified as such. Mr. Blakistone submitted the following order, which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That two persons, on the Western shore, and two on the Eastern Shore, having the largest number of votes, be the clerks of this house.

The house then proceeded to ballot for five members of the House of Delegates, the ballots of the members being collected in a ballot box, on examination thereof, it appeared that Thomas Johnson, Esq. received thirty one votes, and that William B. Dorsey, Esq. received thirty seven votes.

Mr. Johnson was declared elected member of the House of Delegates, and qualified as such. The clerk of the senate delivered the following message.

Message of the Senate, President, Joseph H. Johnson, Esq. The senate will meet at twelve o'clock P. M. on the 10th inst. for the dispatch of public business.

Mr. Blakistone submitted the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

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On motion by Brewer, Ordered, That Messrs. Brewer and Maffitt, sit on the Rev. Mr. Gere, and request his attendance on this house every morning at 10 o'clock, during the present session, to perform the service.

Mr. Brewer submitted the following message, which was read, and on motion of Mr. Blakistone was ordered to lie on the table.

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On motion by Mr. Millar, of Charles county, Ordered, That the clerk cause the members of this house, to be furnished during the present session, with such newspapers as they may direct the expense whereof for each member not to exceed the price of one daily paper.

Mr. Blakistone, submitted the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

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and inform him we are prepared to receive any communication he may be pleased to make. We have appointed Messrs. Blakistone and Wharton to join such gentlemen as may be appointed by your honourable body.

On motion by Mr. Moore, Ordered, That the rules and regulations for the government of the last house of delegates, be adopted as the rules for the government of this house, until they be revised or other rules be adopted, and that the clerk cause a copy to be furnished to each of the members.

Mr. Brewer, and Mr. Maffitt, appointed to sit on the Rev. Mr. Gere, and request his attendance on this house to perform divine service, informed the speaker that they had performed that duty, and that he would attend accordingly.

The house then adjourned, until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 1, 1834.
The House met at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Roberts presented a memorial of George W. Cummings, and Jacob Raymond, of the state of Delaware, praying for the passage of a law authorizing the judges of the state of Delaware, to remove into and sell in the state of Delaware, a certain negro woman in whom John Cummings, deceased, possessed an undivided term.

Mr. Jones, of Somerset, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying for an additional election district in said county.

Mr. White presented a petition of Henry W. Talbot of Montgomery county, praying for the passage of a law to authorize the introduction of certain slaves into this state from the state of Virginia.

Mr. Mann obtained leave to bring in a bill authorizing the revaluation and reassessment of the real and personal property in Washington county.

Ordered, That Messrs. Mann, Gere, and Wharton, report the same.

Mr. Palmer obtained leave to bring in a bill to extend the powers of the court of Chancery, and the county courts as courts of equity.

Ordered, That the committee on the judiciary be hereafter appointed to report the same.

Mr. Fassitt obtained leave to bring in a bill to amend the manner of electing the senate of Maryland.

Ordered, That Messrs. Fassitt, Gantt, Jones of Baltimore, Bruff and Blakistone, report the same.

Mr. Wharton obtained leave to bring in a bill, to extend the jurisdiction of magistrates, in Washington county.

Ordered, That Messrs. Wharton, Hamrick, and Mann, report the same.

Mr. Palmer obtained leave to bring in a bill, to alter and change the manner of electing the Governor of this state.

Ordered, That the committee on elections be hereafter appointed to report the same.

Mr. Wharton obtained leave to bring in a bill, to prevent the sending of medicines in this state, by any of our regularly established and licensed apothecaries.

Ordered, That Messrs. Wharton, Nicols, and D. v. report the same.

Mr. Wright of Dorchester, presented a memorial of sundry citizens of this state, praying the passage of a law to incorporate the Choptank steam boat and navigation company of Maryland.

Mr. Moore's presented a petition of George Carnes, of Harford county, praying for the passage of a law authorizing the judges of Harford county court to confirm the proceedings of the commissioners, appointed to divide the real estate of Richard Hope, deceased.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of Zadok Robinson, of Prince George's county, praying to be authorized to bring certain slaves into this state from the state of Virginia.

Mr. Willson presented a petition of John G. Smith and others of Montgomery county, praying for a road to be laid out and opened from Clark's church in said county, to intersect the Boonsville road, at or near William Sellman's Mill.

Mr. Willson, also presented a petition of Joseph Bill, of Montgomery county, praying for support.

Mr. Jones of Baltimore, presented a memorial of Jacob Myers, and others, praying for an act of incorporation of the Peoples Gas Light Company, of Baltimore.

Mr. Day, presented a petition of David Du Vall, of Prince George's county, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Willson, presented a petition of Masses Dixon, of Montgomery county, praying for support.

Mr. Scott, presented a petition of Mackal S. Cox, and others, of Prince George's county, praying to have Jane Elizabeth and Mary Hoodle, in fees, pardoned on the petition of John Ridgeley, of Allegany county, praying that the Register of the Land Office, for the western shore, be authorized and directed to issue a patent in favor of certain land, and that he may be released from the payment of the caution on said patent, and improvement thereon.

The Speaker laid before the House a memorial and petition of sundry citizens of Maryland, praying for the establishment of a State Bank, which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means, to be hereafter appointed.

The Speaker also laid before the house a report from the Trustees of Charlotte Hall School, which was read and referred to the committee on Education, to be hereafter appointed.

Mr. Handy obtained leave to bring in a bill, to restrain the owners of vessels from navigating the same under the sole command of negroes.

Mr. Hillen obtained leave to bring in a bill, to provide for the payment of state witnesses in Baltimore County Court.

Mr. Peckay obtained leave to bring in a bill to incorporate the Carroll Benevolent Society of Baltimore.

Mr. Carroll obtained leave to bring in a bill to extend the jurisdiction of the Magistrates of Baltimore County.

Mr. Palmer obtained leave to bring in a bill supplementary to the act limiting the time of bringing actions at law in this state.

Mr. Palmer also obtained leave to bring in a bill to extend to the Chancellor, and to the several county courts of this state, sitting as courts of equity, jurisdiction in cases of divorce.

Mr. Burcheal obtained leave to bring in a bill to establish Magistrate courts in this state.

Mr. Fassitt obtained leave to bring in a bill supplementary to the act of 1798, chapter 101.

On motion, Ordered, That the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, inquire into the expediency of allowing a pension to Samuel Baldwin, a revolutionary soldier.

Mr. Handy reported a bill, concerning Guardians and Wards.

Mr. Roberts, reported a bill, to authorize George W. Cummings, and Jacob Raymond, administrators of John Cummings, deceased, of the state of Delaware, to remove into the said state, a negro woman, named Rachel, and to sell the same in said state, in which said negro woman the said John Cummings possessed an undivided term.

The Speaker laid before the house, reports from the clerks of the clerks of Anne Arundel, Harford, Frederick, Queen Anne's, Worcester and Talbot counties, relative to the attendance of Judges of their respective courts.

Also, reports from the clerks of Anne Arundel, Harford, Frederick, Queen Anne's and Worcester counties, relative to monies paid by them into the treasury.

Also, a report from the clerk of Montgomery county relative to the taxable property in said county.

Also, a report from the justices of the Orphans court of Prince George's county, relative to the School fund.

Mr. Sotheron, submitted the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

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in January, 1831, for the services of such an engineer, and although, at first refused, a communication was subsequently received from the Secretary of War, tendering the services of an engineer, provided all other expenses than his regular salary should be paid by the state. No provision having, at that time, been made, by the Legislature, for the payment of such expenses, by the state, the services of the engineer could not be accepted by the then executive, upon the terms offered. The correspondence between this department and the President of the U. States and the Secretary of War, having been submitted to the general assembly, provision was made at the last session, for the payment of all such expenses as might be incurred in making the survey. And, in May last, application was again made to the President of the U. States for an engineer. The paper herewith marked A. is a copy of that application, to which an reply has been received. In October last we appointed an engineer on the part of this state, to make the said survey, in conjunction with the commissioner who had previously been appointed, and with such commissioners or engineers as had been, or might be, appointed by states of Virginia and Delaware. It was hoped that some progress in the survey might be made before the meeting of the general assembly; but we understand that it has not yet been found practicable to commence the work. We presume that it will receive the attention of the engineers and commissioners of the three states early in the ensuing spring, and be completed within the current year.

We took great pleasure in communicating to the family of the late Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, the Resolutions of the General Assembly, commemorating his eminent worth, distinguished services, and patriotic spirit. An engraving of Mr. Thomas Sully, a distinguished artist, to paint a full length likeness of the deceased. Mr. Sully came on to this city, in the past summer, to view the Chamber and ascertain the position the painting is to occupy, and we presume has since been engaged upon the work, but has not yet completed it.

This testimony of the impressive merits and exalted worth of the venerable deceased, who had the distinction to survive all that innumerable band of patriots with whom he was associated in proclaiming our Independence, will be most appropriately placed in the same Chamber, where, half a century past, occurred the sublime spectacle of the surrender of Military Authority, by the father of his Country,—with those illustrious deserters of Carroll are entwined.

A recollection of that interesting spectacle in connection with the paintings, will induce to posterity, two noble models of public spirit and pure patriotism, and keep alive to future ages of the Republic the cherished recollection of, an illustrious veneration for, the useful lives and glorious examples of Washington and Carroll.

We have employed Mr. Thomas Fletcher, (the artist from whom several other swords had been heretofore procured by the State, and whose work we understand had given satisfaction) to make the swords directed by the last General Assembly, to be procured and presented to Colonel Nathan Towson, now paymaster General of the United States Army, and to Captain John Gallagher of the United States Navy. These swords are intended as testimonials of the admiration and gratitude of this new State, for the distinguished gallantry and highly valuable services of those officers during the late war with Great Britain. They have but recently been ordered. The delay has been occasioned by our desire to procure before ordering them, all the information and aid in our power, necessary to having them designed correctly and executed in a manner worthy of the State, and corresponding to the merits of the gallant officers for whom they are intended.

Under the resolution relative to a State Map, John H. Alexander, Esquire, was, in May last, appointed an engineer to examine and collect all the information, plans, and reports of surveys, for Canals, Rail Roads and other public works, which have been made by, or under the authority of this state, or any company incorporated by the state, or under the authority of the corporation of the city of Baltimore. And another resolution relative to a Geological Survey, Doctor Julius T. Dacot, was, at the same time, appointed an assistant, to act in conjunction with said engineer, and to make the necessary geological researches, and report to us upon the expediency and probable cost of a geological survey of the state.

The report of these gentlemen has not been received, but we have been informed by them that it is in preparation, and will shortly be ready to be submitted to your consideration.

In pursuance of the resolution authorizing and requesting us to contract for the rebuilding of the centre division of the State Tobacco Warehouse, No. 2, in the city of Baltimore, and for such other repairs as might be found requisite to put the said warehouse in complete repair, in May last, we employed Mr. John N. Murphy, a gentleman of experience and competency, to superintend the said work. Mr. Murphy's report and account have just been received. He has finished the centre building, but has not been able to complete the necessary repairs to the other parts of the warehouse, on account, as he states, of the

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