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**LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND
HOUSE OF DELEGATES.**

Wednesday, January 23d, 1834.
Miller of Kent, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Kent and Q. Anne's counties, praying for an act to provide for the erection and valuation of a site for a house on Love point, in Queen Anne's county.

W. P. Matthews, supported a petition of sundry citizens of Kent and Queen Anne's counties, relative to the erection of a light house on Love point.

Jacob and Mary Lantz, praying the passage of a special law authorising them to bring out negro slaves from Virginia into this State.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.
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Which was read the first and second time by special order and concurred in.

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Alexander McIlheppay, Balt. city, admitted March 4, 1832.
Samuel Adams having on the 29th October last been in the institution five years, the full time allowed by the law for any pupil to remain, we presume has been discharged, and that the number now there is eleven.

The foregoing will afford all the information requested by the resolution, but it may be useful to add other facts in relation to the subject, and we therefore state that the following deaf and dumb persons, who were selected and sent to the institution in Philadelphia, and who are not there now, having voluntarily left, or been taken away by their parents or friends, viz:

William Worthington, Balt. City, admitted Sept. 27, 1828. Left March 28, 1833.
Susanna M. Taneyhill Calvert, admitted June 24, 1829. Left July 23, 1833.
Sarah Connelley, Caroline co. admitted Aug. Ann M. Price, } 4, 1833.
Robert Lambdin, Talbot, admitted June 6, 1833.

Willy Anne Davis, } Anne Arundel co. Aug. Priscilla Davis, } 27, 1829.
Left July 23, 1832.

And the following were selected, but from the accounts received from the institution, it appears that neither had been sent up to the 1st October last, the date of the last account which has been presented, viz:

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man on yesterday, relating to a paper purporting to be a theatrical bill, which was laid on the desks of the members.

Which having been read,
Mr. Carter of Montgomery, moved to refer the said resolutions to a select committee of five with power to send for persons and papers, and with instructions to inquire and report to this house, by what authority the papers relating to a Theatrical exhibition, were laid on the desks of the members of this house, and by what authority the said papers were headed, 'under the patronage of the house of delegates.'

Resolved in the affirmative.
In pursuance whereof the Speaker appointed Messrs. Carter of Montgomery, Sellman, Sifford, Handy and Fassitt, to constitute the said committee.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house proceeded to take up for consideration the bill reported by Mr. Palmer from the committee of grievances and courts of justice, entitled, an act to repeal the act of assembly in relation to the public printing of this state, passed at December session, 1831, ch. 103.

When on motion by Mr. Gantt, said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fassitt obtained leave to bring in a bill to confirm certain proceedings of the levy court of Worcester county.

On motion by Mr. Maffitt leave was given to bring in a bill, to provide for the support of Martha Gill of Cecil county, by county assessment.

On motion by Mr. Nicols,
Ordered, That the committee on ways and means be instructed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of taxing exhibitions of shows in this state, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Moores obtained leave to bring in a bill authorising James A. Gover of Harford county, to bring into this state, from the state of Virginia, one negro boy acquired by marriage.

Mr. Johns, chairman of the committee on divorces submitted the following order.
Ordered, That the committee on divorces have the privilege of sending for persons and papers, and to examine evidence in all cases referred to them, at the expense of parties applying for divorces.

Which having been read,
Mr. Handy offered the following as a substitute for said order.

Ordered, That the committee on divorces have the privilege of examining such witnesses as may be brought before them on oath.

Which was read.
On the question being put, 'will the house adopt the substitute?'
It was resolved in the affirmative.

The order was then read a second time and adopted.
The house then adjourned.

Thursday, January 23d, 1834.
Mr. Peregy presented a memorial of the G. & L. Light Company of Baltimore, praying that another gas company may not be incorporated.

Also, presented a memorial of James Wilson, Hugh Birchead, J. & C. Baltzell, Asahel Hussey and others, praying that no charter may be granted which would authorise any company to take up the pavements and obstruct the use of the public highways in the city of Baltimore.

The committee on ways and means to which was referred an order from this house, 'to inquire into the expediency of revising, reducing, or otherwise remodelling the license law, passed December session, 1831, ch. 262,' beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that it would be inexpedient at this time, to make any alteration in said license law.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Scott submitted the following order,
Ordered, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the land office on the eastern shore, and of transferring the papers relating to said office, to the land office of the western shore;

Which was twice read, and the question put, 'will the house adopt the order?'
Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Maffitt, chairman of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to which was referred the petitions of Patay Blake, widow of John Blake, late of Worcester county, and of Noble Butler of the city of Annapolis, and of Caleb Stewart of Anne Arundel county, severally praying for pensions, made unfavourable reports thereon.

Which were severally read the first and second time by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Carter of Montgomery, from the select committee appointed to inquire and report to the house by what authority the papers relating to a Theatrical exhibition were laid on the desks of the members of the house, and by what authority the said papers were headed, 'under the patronage of the house of delegates'—

Delivered the following report,
The committee appointed to inquire and report to this house, by what authority the papers relating to a Theatrical exhibition were laid on the desks of the members of this house, and by what authority the said papers were headed 'under the patronage of the house of delegates', respectfully report:—

That in the performance of the duties assigned them, they summoned before them the managers of Theatre, from whose testimony it appears, that at their instance, and by their authority alone a play bill was on Monday last, directed to each member of the house of Delegates, and laid up on the desks of the several members of both houses.

It further appears from the testimony of said managers that some time during the last week a man by the name of Emmons arrived in this place from the city of Washington, via Baltimore, bringing with him the manuscript copy of a play, entitled, 'The Death of Tecumseh, or the Battle of the Thames,' which he represented as having been recently performed in the city of Washington and Baltimore with great effect, and entered into a contract with them for the performance of said play. At the same time producing a flag which he represented as the identical flag taken by Col. Richard M. Johnson, from the British army at the battle of the Thames, and which he stated to them, he had procured from the war department at Washington; also a pistol which he represented as the same pistol with which Tecumseh was killed by Col. Johnson. From the all testimony before them the committee are induced to believe that the managers of the Theatre undertook the performance of the play solely from a desire of gain, and not with a view to any political effect; and that the words 'under the patronage of the house of Delegates,' in the caption of the bills laid on the desks of the members of this house were inserted for no other purpose but to acquire the individual patronage of the members of the Legislature, and to induce the citizens of Annapolis more generally to attend the performance. That it was designed as a compliment by them to the members of this house, and without the slightest intention upon their part to intimate that they had the official authority of the house of Delegates for so doing.

For the further investigation of the matters referred to them, the committee summoned before them Mr. Emmons, the person named by the managers in their testimony who being examined on oath, testified to the fact that the flag exhibited at the performance of the play on Monday night was the identical flag which had been taken from the British army by Col. Richard M. Johnson, at the Battle of the Thames, and that he had procured the loan of it, for the purpose of giving additional effect to the play, from Col. Roger Jones, of the war department at Washington and without the knowledge of the head of that department. That the pistol used upon that occasion was the same pistol with which Tecumseh was shot by Col. Johnson, but desired the committee to note in his own words that he refused to say how it came into his possession. Upon being asked by the committee whether the performance of the play was or was not intended to advance the political views of Col. Johnson, he replied, 'Col. Johnson already stands too high in the opinion of the people, to render it necessary to raise him higher.'

The committee being of opinion that their duty required them to examine Jeremiah Hughes, Esq. the Editor of a newspaper, in which lately appeared a paragraph upon this subject, believed by some to cast improper imputations upon this house, and understand-

ing that from indisposition he would be unable to appear before them, transmitted to him in writing an interrogatory, which together with his answer thereto is contained in the paper accompanying this report.

Your committee believing that their duty is best performed by a plain statement of the facts disclosed by the testimony of the several witnesses examined before them respectfully submit them without comment.

In addition, the committee beg leave further to report, that there was no evidence before the committee to justify the charge contained in Mr. Hughes' paper, and reiterated in his letter to the committee this morning, of an attempt by high officers at Washington to rule the people of Maryland, by the patronage of the house Delegates.

To the introduction of which additional paragraph Mr. Handy and Mr. Carter dissented.

Wednesday evening, January 23d, 1834.
Gentlemen of the committee,
Of the house of delegates,
To the question to which you require my reply—'Upon what authority I undertook to duplicate the house of delegates, with lending the patronage of the house of delegates at the instance of some of the highest officers of the government, at Washington,' attempting to rule the people of Maryland, in my paper of the 21st instant, headed 'Electioneering,' My reply is, that—

I disavow expressly, having in thought or word implicated the house of delegates. The language of the publication was plain and pointedly aimed at those high officers in Washington, who seemed by the process pointed out and quoted from the caption of the play bill, to be attempting to play off a political drama here, for their own benefit. That the house of delegates, had or would lend themselves to such a measure, I had too much Maryland pride for one moment to imagine, and owed too much for the relation in which I stood to the house, to have dared to utter without foundation. The bold assumption of the play bill, the striking character of its promises and parables—associating singularly with the reports of the day (introduced in my remarks) formed associations which were deemed sufficiently striking to be known to the public—they were therefore, uttered for the public inspection, without the remotest idea, that expressions were employed that any one could construe into disrespect to the house.

Jeremiah Hughes,
Which having been read:
Mr. Fassitt, submitted the following resolution:
Which was read.

Resolved, That the editorial remarks contained in the Republican of Tuesday last, emanating from the printer of the state, and insinuating that a gang of strolling players is under the patronage of the house of delegates, call for the unqualified censure of this house.

Mr. Sifford submitted the following resolutions:
Which were read.

Resolved, That in the investigation of this matter, the charges are to be slanderous and defamatory to all parties implicated, without a title of proof to support the charges therein contained.

Resolved, That Jeremiah Hughes, editor of said paper, deserves the censure of this house of delegates.

Mr. Carter of Montgomery, moved that the said report, with the proposed resolutions be made the order of the day for Wednesday the 29th inst.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Thomas reported a bill, for the relief of Robert Harris, of Cecil county.
And, Mr. Grove reported a bill, to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relates to the division of Washington county, into seven election districts and for other purposes, passed December session, 1832, chapter 92.

Mr. Snowden reported a bill, to change the name of Elk Ridge Landing, to that of Ashton.
Which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

The bill reported by Mr. Hillen, authorising the sale of land therein mentioned, was taken up for consideration, read the second time and passed.

Test.
RAMSAY WATERS,
Reg. Car. Gen.
IN MARKET
THE subscriber wishes to purchase a number of Slaves of both sexes, for which he will pay in Cash a higher price than any other purchaser in the market. Persons having them to communicate with him at Mr. Tavern.
WILLIAM HOOPER,
No. 23—C.