AMERICAN,
AND
Commercial Daily Advertiser.

Daily 7, and Gazette 5 dollars per annum.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1805.

PARODY
ON ROMEO'S DESCRIPTION OF AN APOTHECARY.

I do remember an old BACHELOR,
And hereabouts he dwells—whom late I noted
In suit of sables, with a care-worn brow,
Conning his books; and meagre with his looks—
Celibacy had worn him to the bones;
And in his silent parlour hung a coat,
The which the moths had use'd not less than he—
Four chairs, a table, and an old hair trunk
Made up his furniture—and on his shelves
A grease-clad candlestick, a broken mug,
Two tumblers, and a box of old segars,
Remnants of volumes, (once in some repute)
Were thinly scattered round, to tell the eye
Of prying stranger—THIS MAN HAD NO WIFE!
His tattered elbows gap'd most piteously;
And ever as he turn'd him round, his skin
Did thro' his stockings peep upon the day—
Nothing his gloom, unto myself I said,
And if a man did covet single life,
Reckless of joys that Matrimony gives,
Here lives a gloomy wretch, would shew it him
In such most dismal colours, that the shrew,
Or slut, or ideot, or the gossip spouse,
Were each a heaven, compar'd with such a life—
But this same tho't does not forerun MY need,
Nor shall this Batchelor tempt ME to wed.—
—As I remember, this should be the house;
Being Sabbath noon, the outer door is shut.

(By Authority.)
AN ACT

Authorising the corporation of George Town to make a dam or causeway from Mason's island to the western shore of the river Potomac.

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the corporation of George Town have power to levy a tax not exceeding one per cent. per annum, on the real property in said town, and its additions within the jurisdiction of the said corporation, for the purpose of defraying the expense of erecting a dam or causeway across that arm of the river Potomac which passes between Mason's Island and the western shore of the said river; that the same shall not be erected until the consent of the proprietor or proprietors of the island and of the western shore of the river opposite thereto, shall be first obtained. The power hereby granted to the said corporation of levying an extra tax, to cease and determine when the object for which it is granted shall be completely effected.

NATHL. MACON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOS. ANDERSON,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
January 19, 1805.
APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

Congress
OF THE
United States of America.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, January 21.

Mr. Olin presented the petition of Abigail Brush, widow of col. Brush, deceased, praying to be released from the demand of 4,000 dollars, which the United States had against the estate, in his quality of collector of the land tax. Referred to the committee of claims.

A message was received from the President of the United States, informing that he had approved and signed the act authorising the erection of a dam or causeway from Mason's Island to the western shore of the river Potomac.

Mr. Dana, from the committee of claims, reported a bill for the relief of capt. Alexander Murray, which was read twice, and referred to a committee for to-morrow.

Mr. Findley presented a memorial on behalf of the people called Quakers, requesting Congress to pass a law relative to the importation of Blacks into the United States. Referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message relating to the amelioration of the government of the inhabitants of Louisiana.

Mr. Cutler presented the petition of Edward Tappan and others, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, praying to be allowed a drawback on certain goods shipped to New-Orleans. Referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures.

Mr. Conrad presented a petition from a number of inhabitants of Montgomery and Lancaster counties (Penn.) praying the establishment of a new post road between Norristown and Lancaster. Referred to the committee on post-offices and post-roads.

The bill for extinguishing certain debts due by the United States, being on its third reading, was, on motion of Mr. Eppes, re-committed to a committee of the whole.

The House divided on the motion—50 in the affirmative, and 34 in the negative. So it was carried.

Mr. Nicholson moved to make it the order of the day for the fourth of March next.

The House divided—39 for it, and 46 against it.

It was then made the order of the day for to morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, agreeably to the order of the day, on the bill authorising the postmaster-general to allow an additional sum of 4200 dollars for carrying the mail from Fayetteville to Charleston, South-Carolina.

Mr. Gregg in the chair.

The committee, after some time spent in considering the same, rose and reported the bill, with an amendment, which was adopted by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. Crowninshield reported from the committee of commerce and manufactures, against the petition of the sugar refiners, for an allowance of drawback upon exportation, equal to the duties collected on raw sugars.

Mr. J. Randolph called for the order of the day on the bill making an appropriation for the military establishment of the United States.

General Varnum in the chair.

After some time spent in filling the blanks, the committee rose and reported the bill, with amendments, which being adopted by the House, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow.—Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 22.

Mr. Richards reported from the committee of enrolment, that he had presented to the President the bill which originated in this House, for the relief of Charlotte Hazen.

The petition of Alexander Simonton, praying relief in consideration of wounds, &c. received during our revolutionary war;

And another from John Coffee, to the like effect, were read, and both referred to the committee of claims.

The bill for the support of the military establishment for 1805, was read a third time and passed.

The bill authorising the postmaster-general to make a further allowance for carrying the mail from Fayetteville to Charleston, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Nicholson reported from the committee appointed for the purpose, a bill fixing the value of rations allowed to the officers in the army of the United States. It was read twice, and referred to a committee of the whole for to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea's (of Tennessee) motion, relative to the number of troops and officers and their destination, was called up and agreed to.

Mr. Dana, from the committee of claims, reported against the prayer of the petition of Rinaldo Johnson, and another report in favor of the petition of Alexander Scott;

Also, on the petition of Hannah Hobby, that she have leave to withdraw her petition.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the committee of commerce and manufactures, reported on the petition of Oliver Evans, of Philadelphia, millwright.

Mr. Crowninshield presented from the committee of commerce and manufactures, a bill for altering the act for the promotion of useful arts. It was read twice, and referred to the committee of the whole on the report in the case of Oliver Evans.

Mr. Crowninshield reported on the petition of the Typographical Society of Philadelphia—

Resolved, That they have leave to withdraw their petition.—Agreed.

A memorial was presented to the House, from the delegates appointed by various sections of the district of Columbia—Referred to Messrs. Nicholson, Thompson, Plater, Lewis and Lucas—and the memorial and accompanying documents ordered to be printed.

The report of the committee on Dr. Leib's motion for making an allowance to finish the south side of the arsenal, at Philadelphia, was referred to a committee of the whole.

Mr. Gregg in the chair.

After some time spent in considering the same, the committee rose and reported their agreement, which being concurred in by the House, it was ordered that the committee bring in a bill conformably thereto.

Legislature of Maryland.

The legislature of this state adjourned on Sunday evening last, after having passed 110 laws, of which the following is a list:

No. 1. An act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year.

2. An act for the relief of James Gantt, an insolvent debtor, of Prince George's county.

3 An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned.

4. An act to lay out and streighten a certain road in Baltimore county.

5. An act to authorise the levy court of Saint Mary's county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of John Tuel.

6. An act authorising Jacob Schnebly, late Sheriff and collector of Washington county, to complete his collection.

7. An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Calvert county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned.

8. An act to lay out and make public a road therein mentioned in Harford county.

9. A further supplement to an act, entitled, an act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

10 An act for the benefit of William Henry Lansdale & Thomas Reeder Lansdale, children of Mary Lansdale, of Saint-Mary's county.

11 An act for the benefit of Benjamin Wilson, of Caroline county, a minor.

12 An act to lay out and open a road through Frederick & Montgomery counties.

13 An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Worcester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned.

14 An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Worcester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned.

15 An act for the benefit of Joyce Insley, of Dorchester county.

16 An act to enable the levy court of Montgomery county to alter and change the direction of a road therein mentioned.

17 A supplement to an act, entitled, an act authorising the city commissioners to open and extend Water street, in the city of Baltimore.

18 An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for improving the navigation of Corsica creek, in Queen Anne's county.

19 A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, an act for the relief of the poor in Calvert county.

20 An act authorising Henry Howard, late sheriff and collector of Anne-Arundel county, to complete his collection.

21 An act to prevent the running at large of swine in the town of New Windsor, in Frederick county.

22 A supplement to an act, entitled, an act to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Bladensburg, in Prince George's county.

23 An act to dispose of the Eden school lands, in Somerset county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

24 A supplement to an act, entitled, an act for erecting buildings for the use of the poor of Queen Anne's county, and for other purposes.

25 An act to continue an act, entitled, an act relative to the administration of justice in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

26 A supplement to an act, entitled, an act to establish and regulate a market at Bridgetown, in Kent county, and for other purposes, therein mentioned

27 An act authorising Law. Brengle, collector of Frederick county, to complete his collection.

28 An act to lay out and open a road through Tuckahoe Neck, in Caroline county.

29 An act to lay out and open several roads in Queen Anne's county, therein mentioned.

30 A supplement to an act, entitled, an act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state.

31 An act for the relief of John Cushwa, jun. of Washington county.

32 An act for the relief of Jas. Sim of Cecil county.

33. An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine for the town of Elkton, in Cecil county, and for other purposes.

34. An additional supplement to an act, entitled, an act to improve and repair the streets in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

35. An act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned.

36. An act to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a market-house in the town of William's Port, in Washington county.

37. An act to continue an act, entitled an act to incorporate an insurance company in Baltimore-town, and another act, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to incorporate an insurance company in Baltimore-town, and for other purposes.

38. An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for opening a road from Liberty-town, in Frederick county, through the main square of New-Market, to Hyatt's town, in Montgomery county.

39. An act to compel the register of wills in the several counties herein mentioned to keep each his office at the seat of justice in the county for which he shall be register.

40. An act to alter the time of holding the county court in Worcester county.

41. An act to incorporate the Union Insurance Company of Maryland.

42. An act extending the time for taking the bond of the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county.

43. An act to lay out and make public several roads in Queen-Anne's county.

44. An act authorising the selling and disposing of a small parcel of land belonging to Stepney parish, in Somerset county.

45. An act for the relief of Joseph Booth, of Saint-Mary's county.

46. A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, an act to erect a town in Queen-Anne's county.

47. An act to lay out and open a public road from Queen's-town, in Queen-Anne's county, to Queen's-town creek, near the said town.

48 An act to incorporate the stockholders in the Union Bank of Maryland.

49 An act authorising the persons therein named to dispose of certain ground belonging to the society of quakers in the city of Baltimore.

50 An act respecting Primrose-alley, in the city of Baltimore.

51 An act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes,

52 An act to straiten and amend the post road leading from Church Hill to Centre Ville, in Queen Anne's county.

53 An act to prevent the erection of booths within one mile of any methodist meeting house in Talbot county during quarterly meeting

54 A supplement to an act, entitled, an act for the regulation of Denton, in Caroline county, and for other purposes therein mentioned

55 An act to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals.

56 An act for opening and extending a certain street in the city of Baltimore.

57 A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, an act to appoint commissioners to examine, survey and lay out the road therein mentioned.

58 A further supplement to an act, entitled, an act for the relief of the poor of Cecil county.

59 An act authorising Hugh Sherwood, of Huntington, to complete his collection.

60 An act to incorporate the Marine Insurance Company.

61 An act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Farmers Bank of Maryland, and for other purposes.

62 An act to grant a public road, and confirm the same, in the upper part of Queen Anne's county.

63 An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Chester river, at Chester town.

64 An act to direct the mode of collecting the several taxes imposed on proceedings in the court of chancery.

65 A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, an act to provide for the administration of justice in cases of crimes and misdemeanors in the city and county of Baltimore.

An act to release unto James Mosher the right of the state of Maryland in and to a lot or parcel of ground therein mentioned.

67 An act respecting certain lots of land westward of Fort Cumberland.

68 An act to lay out and open a road in Anne-Arundel county.

69 An act to enlarge further the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties therein mentioned.

70 An act to empower the levy court of Dorchester county to appoint a constable for the village of New Market, in the said county.

71 An act to authorise William Du Bourg and others, associated professors of a seminary of learning in the vicinity of the city of Baltimore, to admit students to degrees, and to grant diplomas.

72 An additional supplement to an act to strengthen and amend the public roads in Hartford county, & to repeal the third section of the act of assembly therein mentioned.

73 An act incorporating the justices of the levy court in the respective counties in this state for the purposes therein mentioned.

74 An act to lay out, open and change a road leading from Owings's and Paul's mill to Elk-Ridge landing.

75 An act respecting certain land certificates

76 An act to clear and make public a road in Harford county therein mentioned.

77 An act to incorporate the Chesapeake insurance company.

78 A further supplement to an act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons.

79 An act authorising Solomon Holland, late collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collection.

80 An act extending the time for taking the bond of the sheriff of Baltimore county.

81 A supplement to an act, entitled an act to extend the powers of the levy court of Allegany county relative to roads in said county,

82 An act to erect a town in Talbot county by the name of St. Michaels, and to appoint commissioners.

83. An act to authorise a lottery in Allegany county, for the purposes therein mentioned.

84 An act to authorise the levy courts of Kent and Queen Anne's counties to levy a sum of money for building a bridge over Chester river, at the head of Chester.

85 A further supplement to an act entituled, an act to regulate the inspection of tobacco.

86 An act for introducing a copious supply of wholesome water in the city of Baltimore.

87 An act for the benefit of Rebecca Edmondson, Joseph Edmondson, Elizabeth Edmondson and William Edmondson, children and minors of Joseph Edmondson deceased.

88 An act to pay the civil list and other expences of civil government.

89 A supplement to the act, entitled, an act in favor of the president and directors of the Patowmack company and the commissioners of the Federal buildings.

90 A further supplement to an act, entitled, an act relating to negroes and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

91 An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road to lead from the cross roads near Richard Caton's lime kiln in Baltimore county, nearly in the direction of Jone's Falls, to the city of Baltimore.

92 An act relating to stray Black cattle in Allegany county.

93 An act to withdraw certain funds from the cities of Baltimore, and Annapolis, and the town of Easton, and placing the same in the respective treasuries, subject to the appropriation of the legislature.

94 An act to lay out, open and clear a road in Harford county, from a place known by the name of Darlington, to intersect the road leading from Bel-Air to Havre de-Grace.

95 An act to authorise the levy court of Baltimore county to keep in repair the road leading into Pratt-street, in the city of Baltimore.

96 An act relating to vagrants in the city of Baltimore.

97 An act to change the name of Jeremiah Perry to Jeremiah Perry Davis.

98 An act to authorise the levy court of Prince George's county to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money to build a bridge over the western branch, near the town of Upper-Marlborough.

99 An act for the relief of Elizabeth Beall, of Montgomery county.

100 An act to authorise a lottery or lotteries to raise a sum of money for the improvement of the navigation of the river Susquehanna.

101 A supplement to an act, entitled, an act to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes.

102 An act to empower the clerk of Calvert county to remove certain records from the seat of justice.

103 An act to extend the powers of the levy court of Harford county, in the case therein mentioned.

104 An act to authorise the vestry of St. Paul's Parish, in Baltimore county, to draw a lottery within the city of Baltimore.

105 An act to authorise the sale of certain lots of land lying westward of Fort Cumberland

106 An act to continue an act, entitled, an act to incorporate the Maryland insurance company, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-five.

107 A further supplement to an act, entitled, an act to enlarge the powers of the high court of chancery

108 An act to make permanent and to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

109 An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors.

110 An act for the payment of the journal of accounts.

NEW YORK January 21.

By a letter received from Port au Prince, per the ship Leander, dated 27th of December, we learn, that the Emperor Dessalines, has appropriated the produce of three departments of the Islands, to the fulfilment of three contracts, for powder lately delivered. In consequence of which, those who carry provisions are obliged to wait five or six months for payment.

Captain Ricard, arrived yesterday from Port au Prince, informs, that an American vessel had been captured by a French privateer, and the crew put to death. The vessel was retaken by an English cruiser, and the Frenchmen which were on board were given to the negroes, who in retaliation massacred every soul of them. Dessalines was at Aux Cayes, reviewing his departments. Coffee was very scarce in S. Domingo, and American produce extremely plenty and low.

On Wednesday came on in the court of oyer and terminer, then sitting in this city, the long depending cause between the people of the state of New York, and Dr. Angells, for a libel against one William L. Somers, by representing him as an ignorant quack, and as being guilty