

GENTLEMEN,

We have the honor of laying before the General Assembly, the Report of the Agent for disposing of the Stock in the British Funds, belonging to the State of Maryland, and for investing the Proceeds thereof in Stock of the United States, by which we trust it will appear, that the interest of the State has been highly advanced by the judicious manner in which Mr. Nicholson has conducted his agency. Permit us on this occasion to congratulate the Legislature on the State's being put in complete possession of so large a Fund and on the flourishing situation of our Finances.

We have the honor to transmit a letter from the Governor of Kentucky, inclosing an act to amend the act incorporating the Ohio canal company, with a memorial to congress and a Resolution of that State prefixed, together with a copy of the Report of the managers of said Company and Mr. Jared Brooke's Map and Notes, and also a letter from the Governor of Tennessee, covering a Resolution of that State, instructing their Senators and Representatives in the congress of the United States, to use their utmost exertions as soon as the same is practicable, to obtain an amendment to the Federal constitution, so as to authorize and empower the Congress of the U. States to pass a law, whereon they deem it expedient to prevent the further importation of slaves from any of the West-India Islands from the coast of Africa, or elsewhere into the U. States or any part thereof.

We take the liberty of again submitting to the wisdom of the General Assembly, the propriety of revising the old, or of passing a new Militia law, and of representing the total inability of the Executive to comply with the repeated calls of the President of the U. States for a return of the Militia of Maryland owing to its very disorganized state, under the present defective system.

We have the honor to be, With the highest respect, Your obt. servant, ROBT. BOWEN. The Honorable the President of the Senate and the Treasurer of the House of Delegates.

FOR THE AMERICAN.

MORE VANITY.

It has been announced to the public, that a petition will be preferred to the present General Assembly, for the extension of the Falls Turnpike Road towards Hanover. This pious prayer must surely come too late to obtain a legislative blessing, inasmuch as it is begging of that honorable body, that which they have already granted to others, and which I conceive they cannot again bestow, without a direct violation of the charter already granted to the Baltimore and Reister's town Turnpike company, and a manifest breach of that faith and confidence which ought to be reposed in all legislative bodies; for they have two years since authorized Baltimore county, through the guardianship of its levy court, to dispose of its right of the said road to such gentlemen as chose to become stockholders therein; (see the 15th section of the said law) and in virtue of that authority, the levy court and the stockholders have entered a legal and positive compact for the said road, at the price of 20000 dollars;—and it is now possible, that the two or three gentlemen who call themselves the Falls Turnpike Company, can presume that the same legislature would be so weak, and permit me to say, as unjust, as to recall that grant, and bestow it to them?—This would surely be planting with one hand and plucking up with the other.—What would be thought of the conduct of a father who should make and publish to the world his will and testament, devising to a certain son a certain mill seat under express terms & conditions; and when the son, after complying with all the requisites on his part, erecting his mill, the father, without any just cause, annexes a codicil to that will, devising the water upon which the mill depended, to another son! Could such conduct be reconciled to any principle of reason, justice or common sense? And is not the case similar? Has not Baltimore county devised its right to the stockholders under certain express terms? Have they not complied with those terms, and proceeded largely in the work, justly anticipating the profits of both branches of the road? They have under the unlimited sanction of the state of Maryland, who has declared that they shall be authorized to make a road from Baltimore, through Reister's town, to the Pennsylvania line, towards Hanover, and to the Pennsylvania line, through Westminster, towards Petersburg. The law is clear and explicit, (see the 2d section) and the road called and known for sixty years past by the name of the Reister's-town road as fully and completely embraces the branch leading towards Hanover, as it does that leading towards Petersburg; and this invisible Turnpike Company have certainly committed an oversight in wasting their breath in prayer for half an object, when a whole one was so completely in their power; for while they were on their knees, they might as well have prayed for both branches of the road as for one, and I trust with equal success.

Were I now approaching the legislature in prayer for an object which two years ago they told me I never should

have, and one year ago they again told me I could not have, I should surely feel the necessity of a veil of bear skin over my face, otherwise the light of that splendid body would be too severe for my eyes. However, we all have our own ways and means of hobbling their life.

I have now before me the bill upon which the committee formed their report at the last session, for the extension of this same Falls Turnpike Road, and although it is a novelty in itself, and might justly be added as one to the number of curiosities in a museum, and produce money, my friends shall all see it for nothing. After the usual preamble of pretty things, it reads thus:—

“And be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That— and be, and they are hereby nominated and appointed commissioners to lay off and make a road from the end of the Falls Turnpike Road to where it shall intersect the bed of the present road to Hanover, at or near Nace's tavern, or to the village of Hamstead, as may be found most practicable, and direct for a good road to the line of Pennsylvania, beginning at the end of the said Falls Turnpike Road, and running thence north fourteen degrees west to a small chestnut blazed on four sides standing on the land of Richard Caton, thence north twenty degrees west to three small chestnuts marked each three notches, near to the line of Richard Caton's and Joseph Satar's land; thence north twenty six degrees west to a blazed S and an oak standing on the south of the stream called the Beaves Dams; thence to a defile in a these a range of hills, called Har's Hills, a little to the eastward of Joseph Cole's house; and thence passing near to the house of the widow Rasby to the present road on the route to Hanover, &c.”

Here we behold, in the three first courses of this unparalleled Turnpike, a bend of twelve degrees. This is the straight route that was to curtail the distance between Baltimore and Hanover at least eight miles, and reduce the space to a mere evening's walk or a tea-ble visit.—The cause of this crook I presume cannot be a secret to those who know the premises; it is certainly not for the advantage of the ground, as I think a straight course would be on far better; but this would have been encroaching too much on a large handsome brick mansion, whose presence must be held sacred, sheltered, and protected, by that very law which, if granted, would have authorized the commissioners, at their option, to sacrifice the propriety of a number of honest and valuable citizens. But why pester the legislature with such a one-sided, partial bill—by clothe commissioners with the mere shadow, without the substance of authority?—why call them together, to drag them hand-cuffed and tongue-tied over (or rather round) a small space of the ground, and then release & bid them shift for themselves?—or why not have made the entire location from end to end, and prayed the assent to confirm it, or otherwise have suffered the commissioners to exercise their own judgment over the whole space? Though I have no doubt but somebody very much interested in this half-moon Turnpike, in order to save time and trouble and for other purposes, (not therein mentioned) has drafted the bill, and politely handed it to the committee to report upon, and try its luck on the precarious wheel of fortune. Nothing venture—nothing have.

I have also no doubt but the old mode and means will be referred to, and that Baltimore and Fell's Point will again be ransacked for the signatures of all classes of beings, to aid in the accomplishment of this grand invasion upon the rights, liberties and interest of a number of honest and worthy farmers. This, I think, is carrying universal suffrage rather too far; for those who have no direct interest, certainly have no right to interfere nor dictate in this case. I therefore hope our legislature will always be governed by the weight and interest, and not by the number of petitioners—for every body of common observation knows how easy it is to obtain a long list of names, and marks, and scrawls and crosses to a petition where there is no money in the way; for one half of the community think it great honor that their names should be carried to Annapolis, and there called over;—but there are always certain men who are to judge of certain things, under certain circumstances: for instance, when the body of a deceased or murdered person is accidentally found, it is a matter of general concern—therefore, a jury, selected either from the city or county, or from both intermixed, are a competent inquest to ascertain the cause, the manner and mode of death; and when a lot of private property is about to be condemned for the use of the city, the citizens, and they alone, have the sole right of judging in every thing concerning it—and in such cases, the country people do not, dare not interfere. I therefore conclude (and I think rationally) that when a public road is prayed for through the county by a few designing men, the farmers directly interested therein have the sole and exclusive right of judging, in the first place, whether such a road is necessary—and in the second, where and upon what principles it shall be made.

It is not for me to dictate to so wise a body as the Legislature of Maryland, the wisest member of which may possess double the understanding of myself; but I do humbly conceive, and shall not hesitate to express it as my opinion, that when petitions and counter-petitions are laid before the legislature, for and against any public measure whatever, that the delegation or members from that county ought particularly to be consulted, and their opinions respected by the whole house, otherwise I know not why every county should elect and send gentlemen to do its business—indeed I conceive it to be a degree of respect, reciprocally due in all legislative bodies; for certainly every delegation have the best method of knowing the general sense of their constituents, and moreover

their own interest is frequently, and their popularity always, at stake in issue.

Should this elaborate, longwinded three years prayer at length be granted (as I believe it will not) I would advise all (if any there be) who anticipate stock therein, first to view the premises, with their own eyes, and make every necessary calculation on their prospect: for bills, valleys, rocks and mountains, all appear equally smooth and beautiful upon paper, especially when aided by a partial and flattering representation, and they may remember, that it is much easier to fet their names to an obligation than scratch them from it again, and by neglecting this advice, those who have been heretofore a little scorched on the same occasion, may, by crawling nigher the fire, actually get burnt.

See the Falls turnpike law (section XXII) where the Legislature solemnly and explicitly declare, that they granted the said road to the limit, upon the faith and condition that no future legislature would ever extend it farther to the injury of the York turnpike's, and no doubt would have been as tenacious of the Reister's-town's interest, had they had the smallest idea of such an attempt as the present.

Married last evening, by the Rev. Doct. Roberts, Mr. Jonas May, to Miss Mary Hall, both of this city.

Interments in the different burial-grounds of the city and precincts of Baltimore, during the week ending yesterday morning at fun-rile;

Table with 2 columns: Disease and Number of cases. Includes entries for Consumption (10), Still-born (5), Fits (4), Croup (3), Bilious Fever (1), Bilious Cholice (1), Burnt (1), Oldage (1), Pleurisy (1), Casualty (1), Disease known (1), Adults (16), Children (13), and Total (29).

Norfolk, Nov. 11. Arrived, brig Ceres, Hurtt, 11 days from Bermuda. Nov. 8, off Cape Henry, spoke ship Sally, from Amsterdambound to Baltimore.

Ship William Penn, Watson, 42 days from Nants.

The brig Franklin, Smith, belonging to this port, bound to Barbadoes, is taken by a French privateer, and ordered for Guadaloupe.—Capt. Smith arrived in town, having been put on board a vessel from Havanna for Baltimore. Mr. J. Ward, mate of the brig, died the day before she was captured.

During the storm on the 9th of Sept. the schooner Wap, Kemp, of this port, and the English sloop of war Prevost, which was captured a few days before, were driven out of Baffeterre, and have never since been heard of.

LAST WEEK BUT ONE. Baltimore Theatre.

(Last time this season.) TO-MORROW EVENING, November 19, Will be performed, a Comedy, in 5 acts, called A Hint to Husbands. Written by Richard Cumberland, Esqr. author of the West-Indian, Sailor's Daughter, Jew, &c. and now performing in London with unbounded applause.

City Polemic Society.

THE public are respectfully informed that a society will be formed at Mr. De Courcy's Inn, near Market-street bridge, directly opposite Christ Church, on TUESDAY evening, 18th inst. at half past six o'clock, where gentlemen who wish to encourage such an institution will please to attend. After the necessary arrangements are made, the following question will be offered for discussion.

Situation Wanted.

EITHER in a public office, auction room, store or warehouse, a Young Married Man, who is acquainted with accounts and writes a tolerable good hand; and as employment is the principal object, a small salary would be accepted of. A line addressed to A. B. and left at the next door below 240, upper end of Market-street, shall be attended to.

A man well acquainted with business wishes to apply a few hours every day to settle and make out accounts, post books, &c. Apply at this Office.

Charles Wirgman Offers for sale the CARBONS of the Amelia and Caroline, from the City of St. Domingo, consisting of MAHOGANY, FUSTIC, LOGWOOD, and 2000 wt. of GUM GUACUM.

By Cole & I. Bonfal, Auct'rs. BOOK AUCTION.

THIS evening, 18th instant, will be sold, a valuable collection of BOOKS, Among which are, Annals of Agriculture, 18 vols. Annual Register, 19 do. And in the course of the evening, will be offered one pair of Duelling Pistols, and one pair of three barreled small Pistols.

REMOVAL.

T. HARNTHAL & C. HASENCLEVER, HAVE removed from No. 3, Sharp-street, (Mr. Buchanan's store) to No. 67, Bowly's wharf, next door to Messrs. G. Topkin & Co's Warehouse.

For Sale, THE HULL & SPARS

Of a new BRIG; burthen about 160 tons, carpenter's measure. For terms apply to Mr. WM. FLANNEGAN, at his ship yard, or LEMUEL TAYLOR.

For Boston, The Schooner BETSEY,

Joshua Atwood, master; Burthen 900 barrels; will take 600 barrels on freight; being a good, new vessel, and new ready to receive a cargo on board. For freight or passage apply to the master on board, laying at Bowly's wharf.

FOR SALE BY John S. Horne,

10,000 Ox Horns, just arrived from La Guira. Also, Old Blue Marbled Castile Soap, White do. Smyrna Figs in cases, Dates in casks, Wax Candles, Juniper Berries, and Cordials in cases.

John Wood & Co.

HAVE received by ship Ruthy, from Liverpool, and offer for sale at No. 18, Calvert-street, Silk and Cotton Chambray Muslins, Cambrick and Narrow Dimities, Printed Calicoes and Velvets, Green and Red Silk Umbrellas, Cotton Braces, Constitution Cords, 9-8 Cambricks, Shirting Cottons, Sewing Silks, Black Cambricks, &c. Superfine and Common Broad Cloths, Coatings, Plains, Serges, Baizes, and Two casks of Hand Saws.

P. A. Gueftier, OFFERS FOR SALE,

60 pipes Old Cogniac BRANDY, 4th proof, An invoice of FRENCH GOODS, consisting of Britanias, Estopillas, Checks, Superfine Cloth, Cambrick Linen, Morocco Suspenders, Silk Stockings, Brims, Grosfort Linen, 400 boxes best Spanish Segars, Saffron Galtonis, and different qualities of CLARET, in casks and bottles.

Wm. French, OFFERS FOR SALE,

At No. 12, SOUTH-STREET, THE FOLLOWING ASSORTMENT OF India Goods, On the most reasonable terms, for cash or credit, viz Beerboom and Company's GURRAHS, Jugdia, Luckapore, Chittabuly, Fine and Company's, Mow, Jalapore and Company's, Tandas, Runpore and Company's, Nympassackia, Aliabad, Gaurapore, Joanna and Company's, Mow, Aliabad and Runpore, Blue Gilla Handk's, Checks, and Chintz.

Keatinge's Book Store's,

No. 133 & No. 164, MARKET-STREET. GEORGE KEATINGE respectfully informs his friends and the public that for the greater convenience of his business, he intends removing his Book-store to No. 133, Market-street, next door to Mr. Branson's hat manufactory—having lately received a cargo and general assortment of BOOKS, in every department of Literature, selected by himself in New York and Philadelphia—he is enabled to sell all of the new publications of London and America on reasonable terms; independent of English and German Almanacs for 1807, assorted in grosses, or by the dozen.

Household and Kitchen FURNITURE.

VAN WYCK & DORSEY, Auct'rs. Nov. 18

The Partnership OF HOFFMAN & BALTZELL,

was this day dissolved by mutual consent. Thomas Baltzell is duly authorized to close the entire business of the partnership.

Thomas Baltzell, No. 201, MARKET-STREET,

OFFERS FOR SALE, BOLTING CLOTHS, of the best manufactory. Likewise, a full assortment of Dry Goods, Sold low, on his usual credit.

Portrait and Miniature Painting.

DAVID BOUDON, (late from Geneva) feeling himself adequate, from his long study and experience, both in Italy and America, purposes to teach PAINTING, in all its various branches, viz—Flowers, Landscapes, Figures, &c. and respectfully solicits the patronage of those ladies and gentlemen who wish to be taught the above art;—assuring them that no pains on his part shall be wanting to make them proficient. He will also draw with water colours, Profiles on yellow, for 3 dollars each, and requires no payment without success. Ladies and gentlemen who will favour him with their confidence, are desired to apply to Mr. Charles Ayres, Merchant, at No. 34, North Howard-street.

Sale by Auction, THIS MORNING,

The 18th instant, at 10 o'clock, at our auction room, head of Frederick-street dock, will commence the sale of A variety of Dry Goods;

Among which are, 3 bales Gurrachs, 1 case Dimity, 1 ditto Calico, 2 ditto Shawls, 1 ditto Muslin, 1 ditto Brown Platilla, 2 trunks Men's Shoes, 2 ditto Ladies' Leather & Morocco Slippers, Cloth, Coating, &c.

And for account of the under-writers, 1 trunk damaged Cotton Stockings, 3 do. German Linens.

And at 12 o'clock, 56 hds. Muscovado Sugar, 25 punch-o's Rum, 40 pipes Holland Gin, 25 pipes excellent Bordeaux Brandy, 283 bags Coffee, Hyson and Young Hyson Tea, &c.

Sale by Auction.

Will be added to our sale This Morning, 2 bales damaged Hessians and Bags. And at half past 12 o'clock, The Schooner NANCY, Burthen 45 tons, with all her materials, as she lays in Frederick street dock.

Sale by Auction.

Will be added to our sale This Morning, 2 hds. GEORGIA TOBACCO.

Sale by Auction.

Will be added to our sale This Morning, 35 CASKS CLARET.

Sale by Auction.

Will be added to our sale This Morning, the entire cargo of the schooner Racer, from Guadeloupe, consisting of 8 tierces and 68 bags best Green COFFEE, 44 hds. SUGAR, 8 tierces and 3 barrels.

Sale by Auction.

Will be added to our sale This Morning, 5 bales Tickenburg, 2 boxes Cress-a-la-Morlaix, 2 bales Superfine Cloth, 1 trunk Children's Hats.

Sale by Auction.

On WEDNESDAY, The 19th inst. at 12 o'clock, at the auction-room at the head of Frederick-street dock, will be sold on a liberal credit, for approved and negotiable notes, 129 pipes 4th proof Cogniac BRANDY, old and high flavoured.

Sale by Auction.

On FRIDAY NEXT, The 21st instant, at 11 o'clock, at the late residence of Robert Purviance, deceased, in Gay-street, will be sold, by order of the Orphan's Court,

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