

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the following resolutions were read:

Resolved, That the general assembly of Maryland. That they have viewed with deep concern, the attempt made at the last session of congress to increase the duties on the importation of manufactures and foreign commodities as it has a direct tendency to increase the burthens of the agricultural and commercial classes, already greatly depressed by accumulated embarrassments.

Resolved, That they have ever anticipated, with patriotic pleasure, the period when domestic manufactures should spring up among us from their own spontaneous efforts; when the circumstances of our country shall be ripe for their establishment, and they would thrive without the adventitious aid of legislative encouragement.

Resolved, That they hold the doctrine un-sound, agreeably to every principle of political economy, which would induce the belief that manufactures can profitably be established in the present circumstances of our country, in relation to capital and population, inasmuch as a more profitable field for employment of those resources lies in the cultivation and improvement of the soil.

Resolved, That they consider any system partial and unjust, which would burthen the agriculture and commerce of the country for the benefit of any third interest.

Resolved, That they are always prepared to contribute, by any judicious and equitable mode of taxation, for the support of the government, but can never consent to be taxed for the private gain and emolument of any class of citizens.

Resolved, That they have ever regarded, and their past history they think fortifies the position, that agriculture is the most productive source of national wealth and power, and that it can alone furnish the means of an eventual establishment of manufactures, upon a durable and prosperous foundation; and they fearfully anticipate, that the operation of the proposed system, if adopted by congress, will be to divert the necessary capital and labour, from the extension and improvement of agriculture, and thus arrest the progress of the nation in strength and opulence.

Resolved, That the thanks of this assembly are justly due to the representatives from this state who opposed their influence to the passage of this measure.

Resolved, That they recommend to them a perseverance in this course of conduct, as most favourable to the interest of the people of Maryland, and most consistent with justice and sound policy.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to each senator and representative in congress, with instructions to lay them before their respective houses, if they may deem it advisable.

The bill to incorporate the Baltimore society for the encouragement of industry, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. S. Stevens reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising John Stevens the elder, and Nicholas Martin, administrators of James Clayland, late sheriff of Talbot county, to complete the collections of the said Clayland; which was twice read, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill for the relief of John Snider of Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Edelen reports a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Thomas A. Davis, former sheriff and collector of Charles county, to complete his collections; which was read.

Mr. T. Kennedy presents a petition from the president and managers of the Hagers-town turnpike company, praying further time to complete the said road; which was read and referred to Messrs. T. Kennedy, Gabby and Kershner.

Mr. Marriett, delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred that part of the executive communication relative to the cleaning and repairing of the public arms, further report—That it appears by said communication, that there remains due to the armourer at Annapolis the sum of four hundred and seventy two dollars and fifty cents, in consequence of the sum appropriated by a resolution of the general assembly at their last session for cleaning and repairing of the public arms not having been adequate to defray the expense incurred in effecting the object of that resolution. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore, he and he is hereby authorised to pay to Washington G. Tuck, the armourer at Annapolis, or to his order, the afore-said sum of four hundred and seventy two dollars and fifty cents, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

S. S. HODGKIN, Clk.

Which was read.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a Fire Insurance Company in the city of Baltimore and the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Franklin Academy or school in Baltimore county, were read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The bill for the relief of the persons therein named, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow.

AFFIRMATIVE—Speaker, Key, Plate, Reeder, Millard, Boyer, Thomas, J. B. Eccleston, Brown, Marriett, Steward, Beckett, Stoddert, Edelen, Posey, Cogerson, Showers, Snowden, Orrick, Hayward, Denn King, J. S. Moffitt, Archer, T. Williams, Cross, J. Forrest, Duvall, Wright, R. Stevens, R. Moffitt, Nicholson, Warfield, M. Pherson, Davis, Allen, Barney, J. P. Kennedy, Gabby, T. Kennedy, Kershner, Bowles, Harding, Hilleary, Reid, Blair.—46.

NEGATIVE—Wyll, Weems, Kent, Dalrymple, N. Martin, S. Stevens, Dashiell, Polk, W. Eccleston, Lake Frazier, Lecompte, Lyles, R. T. Hall, Boyle, T. N. Williams, Wilson, Parker, Selby, Norris, Willis, Hardcastle, Gaither, Darne.—24.

Resolved, That the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the report relative to a free turnpike road.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, That the orders therein contained be stricken out, for the purpose of inserting the following:

Resolved, That the governor and council be, and they hereby are authorised and directed to appoint three commissioners, whose duty it shall be to ascertain upon what terms possession can be obtained by

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