

That we cordially approve of every effort of the general government to extend and perfect a system of defence by fortifications, highly useful in other places, and essentially necessary to the waters of the Chesapeake, and its tributary rivers.

And whereas, from the relative position of this state, and those vast sources of successful enterprise and wealth, the rivers Potomac and Susquehanna, as well as from the relation of our large city to an extensive district of inland country, it is of the utmost importance to our citizens that a system of internal improvements should be vigorously pursued.

Therefore, we do further resolve, That we will highly approbate, and will zealously co-operate with the general government in the adoption of such measures as will afford to our country the facilities and advantages which nature has placed in our controul, and which a wise policy should induce us to improve.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be forwarded by the executive to each of our senators and members of congress, with a request that they will co-operate in the promotion of the measures which, in the sense of the legislature, are best calculated for the interest of the Union at large, and especially of the state.

Which were read.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Ck.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1822.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill for the relief of Whittington Steel, and Hetty Parker, the idiot daughter of Azariah Parker, of Worcester county, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Estep presents a petition from James O'Rourke, of Anne-Arundel county; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Edelen reports a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of Mary Scott, of Charles county, passed at December session, 1821, chapter 32; which was read.

Mr. J. P. Kennedy presents a petition from George Yeaman, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce; read and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

On motion by Mr. Norris, Ordered, that the committee of claims be requested, as speedily as possible, to have placed on the desk of each member of this house, the printed report of the treasurer, and other state officers.

Ordered, That the supplement to the act, entitled, An act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, have a second reading on the 19th inst.

Ordered, That the bill to authorise special courts of oyer and terminer and for other purposes have a second reading on the 3d January next.

Ordered, That the bill to withdraw the sum now given the different schools, colleges and academies, to constitute a fund to be hereafter appropriated to the education of poor children, have a second reading on the 15th day of January next.

The report of the committee, relative to the importation of slaves from other states into this state, was read the second time, and the question put, that the house concur with the same? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Speaker, Millard, G. Leigh, Stone, Estep, Linthicum, Howard, Dalrymple, Weems, Smith, Skinner, Johnson, T. Kemp, Steele, Willis, Hooper, Sheredine, Parker, Gerry, Culver, Wootton, Hughes, Carroll, Wright, Farquhar, Fisher, Norris, Chauncey, Whiteford, Boon, Casson, Douglass, Purviance and Keller—34.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Maddox, Ireland, Cannell, Massey, Stonestreet, Edelen, Rogerson, Garner, Stansbury, Orrick, Worthington, Lockerman, Lloyd, Jones, Teackle, Dennis, Craig, Meconiken, Pratt, Riley, Spence, Franklin, H. Kemp, Martin, Thomas, Allen, Saulsbury, J. P. Kennedy, T. Kennedy, Drury, Kilgour, E. Williams, A. Lee, Greenwell, Hoffman, Pollard, Tomlinson—37. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Purviance presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, praying for the removal of obstructions in, and the widening of Water-street; read and referred to Messrs. Purviance, J. P. Kennedy and Spence.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution appointing a day for humiliation and prayer, endorsed, "assented to with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read and assented to.

The resolution relative to the Cumberland Road, endorsed, "assented to."

The bill for the relief of Alexander Robertson, of Worcester county; the bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year; the bill for the support of George Buckler, of St. Mary's county; the bill to provide for building a bridge over Antictam creek, at John Shaefer's mill, in Washington county; the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate elections; and the bill to provide for the building a bridge over Antictam creek, in Washington county; severally endorsed, "will pass," ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to repeal parts of the acts of assembly therein mentioned; the bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter and change such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Anne-Arundel county into election districts, and to change the place of holding elections in the second election district of said county, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to confirm an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of govern-