

mony, we are at a loss to conceive any proposition which can combine in its favor more considerations of national dignity, political prudence, or practical utility. To express the views of our constituents upon this important subject, therefore,

*Be it resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That our senators and representatives in congress, be requested to use their best exertions to procure from congress the establishment of adequate permanent funds for completing a national system of internal improvements.

*Be it further resolved,* That our senators and representatives, as aforesaid, be requested to direct the attention of congress, to the expediency of immediately providing for the opening of the navigation of the Potomac river, from tide water to Cumberland, in Allegany, and of connecting, by a canal, the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeake.

*Be it further resolved,* That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the aforesaid preamble and resolutions to each senator and representative in congress, as soon as may be consistent with his convenience.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1823.

The House met. Present the some members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Cannell presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of the village of the head of Sassafras, praying swine may not be permitted to go at large therein; read and referred to Messrs. Cannell, Massey and Ireland.

Mr. Garner presents a petition from John Garner, of Charles county, praying for support; read and referred to Messrs. Garner, Rogerson and Edelen.

Mr. Worthington reports a bill, entitled, an additional supplement to an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for completing an Episcopal church in Baltimore county; & a bill, entitled A futher supplement to an act, entitled, 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 Jones's Falls, to to the city of Baltimore.

And Mr. Connell reports a bill, entitled, An act to prevent hogs from going at large in the village of the Head of Sassafras, in Kent county; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Thomas Kennedy, the speaker appointed Mr. Riley one of the committee of ways and means, in the place of Elie Williams, deceased.

On motion by Mr. Henry Kemp, the following order was read:

*Ordered,* That the Governor and Council cause such repairs to be made to the barracks at Frederick-town, as they may think necessary, to keep them from being further injured by the weather, and that they be empowered to appoint one or more fit and proper persons to superintend the said repairs, and that the governor and council draw on the treasurer of the western shore for such sums as may be necessary to defray the expense thereof.

Mr. Ireland delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John H. Nowland and Lambert Sappington, of Kent county, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report—That in consequence of the death of Lambert Sappington, one of the petitioners, the committee deem it improper at this time to act upon it; therefore recommend that the surviving petitioner have leave to withdraw the same.

Which was read and concurred with.

By order,

ISAAC HINES, Clk.

The bill to alter and change the name of James Dunbar, of Kent county, to that of James Templeton Dunbar; and the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Leech, of Saint-Mary's county, were read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, *Ordered,* That the additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein, have a second reading the 17th instant.

Mr. Pollard presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Allegany county, relative to the herding of cattle in said county; read and referred to Messrs. Pollard, Hoffman and Tomlinson.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the bill for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers.

On motion by Mr. Hughes, the question was put, That the first clause, providing that no deed or mortgage shall pass property from one person to another, to the prejudice of any subsequent purchaser, or judgement creditor without notice, unless said deed or mortgage be recorded within twenty days from the date of its acknowledgement, be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. John P. Kennedy, the said clause was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Purviance, the said bill was recommitted.

On motion by Mr. John P. Kennedy, the following order was read:

Whereas, the state of Maryland, previous to the war of 1812, was possessed of a large and profitable fund, the greater part of which, amounting to nearly fifteen hundred thousand dollars, was invested in productive stocks, at that time adequate, with other permanent sources of revenue, to defray all other ordinary expenses of government, and even to leave an occasional surplus, applicable to the various purposes of internal improvement; thus relieving the people from the charges of public administration, and totally exempting them from taxation.

And whereas, the exigencies growing out of the late war with Great Britain, created large demands upon the treasury for the purposes of defence against invasion, and the supply of means to a naval and military force, for which, in the natural order of things, remuneration could not be