

completion of the before mentioned work by the clerk of the senate, in conformity with the before mentioned order, to make the said clerk such allowance therefor, as to them shall appear reasonable and just, and to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for the amount of such allowance as they may make him, in virtue of this resolution. On motion by Mr. Thomas, the same was referred to the next general assembly.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favor of Richard Kisby, and the resolution in favor of Elie Beatty, endorsed, "dissented from." Also the further supplement to the act, entitled, A supplement to the act laying duties on licenses to retailers of dry goods, and for other purposes, passed at December session, 1821, chapter 246, endorsed, "will not pass."

The further additional supplement to the act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned, was read the second time, and will not pass, and the bill returned to the senate.

On motion by Mr. T. Kennedy, the following resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, February 24, 1823.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the president and directors of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, forty thousand dollars, in part payment of the loan authorised by the act of December session, 1821, chapter 204.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolutions in favor of Zachariah Roberts, John Smith, Shaw and Gambrill, and the resolution to extinguish the public debt, endorsed, "assented to." The resolutions in favor of William Simmons, Margaret Hamilton, and James Ruarke, endorsed "dissented from." Also the bill to withdraw the donation now given the Harford Academy, and apply the same to the education of poor children, endorsed, "will not pass." And the bill for the benefit of certain persons who naturalized under the laws of this state, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. A. Lee delivers the following report:

The joint committee of the senate and house of delegates, appointed to communicate with the legislature of Pennsylvania concerning the growing evils occasioned the citizens of this state, by the encouragement runaway slaves receive from some of the citizens of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report, that in pursuance of the duty imposed on them, they at an early period of the session, addressed a letter to the legislature of Pennsylvania, stating the serious injuries the people of our state suffered, and requesting Pennsylvania to make such legislative provision as would effectually guard against their repetition.

On the receipt of this letter, the legislature of Pennsylvania, without loss of time, instituted a joint committee to consider of it, and that committee sent to the undersigned a communication dated the middle of February, which is herewith submitted.

It will be seen from that paper, that the legislature of Pennsylvania entertain an anxious desire to remedy the evils our people suffer. Your committee, for want of time and the delicate and difficult nature of the undertaking, have not been able to agree on what would be the best mode Pennsylvania could adopt to protect us against the grievances we complain of.

If they could have done so, they would have advised the Pennsylvania committee of it, in compliance with their request. Want of time now puts it out of your committee's power to do any thing more this session, but as the matter referred to them is of deep interest to the state they would respectfully recommend, that some member of the legislature should be requested to turn his attention to it during the recess, and to correspond with any committee or individual that may be selected for the purpose by the legislature of Pennsylvania, and to report the result to the next general assembly.

R. JOHNSON,
W. C. MILLER,
ARCHIBALD LEE,
JOHN CHAUNCEY,
LITTLE J. DENNIS,

To the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland:

February 24, 1823. Which was read, and concurred with.

Ordered, That the accompanying documents be placed on the journal; which are as follow:

The undersigned, a joint committee of the legislature of Maryland, appointed to communicate with the legislature of Pennsylvania, concerning the growing evils occasioned the citizens of Maryland by the encouragement runaway slaves receive from some of the citizens of Pennsylvania, beg leave, on that subject, respectfully to address you. For several years the evils above related have been loudly complained of by the people of this state, and session after session those complaints have been made known to our legislature. At different periods we believe the executive of this state has been directed by the legislature to communicate with the executive of your state concerning it, to solicit from you such legislative provisions as might be necessary to guard our citizens against a repetition of those injuries. But, it seems as yet, these communications have not produced the desired effect. They are fully aware of the delicate nature of this subject, and of the caution with which it ought to be treated. Slavery is a calamity certainly not more deplored by Pennsylvania than by our state; all friends of freedom amongst us should equally rejoice at its complete extermination, but this is not to be hoped for for many years to come. As long as it exists amongst us, we are as much entitled to our slaves as we are to any other kind of property. This right is as well secured to us by the constitution of the United States, as are any other of the rights we possess. It is our duty, therefore, and the duty of our sister states, to protect us in this enjoyment. The existence of our happy union depends in great degree on preserving harmony among the members. Every neglect likely to produce collision ought to be studiously guarded against. The propriety of these suggestions, we feel