

an awful warning to ourselves that we too may be deemed a necessary victim to consummate their unhallowed purposes—Therefore,

Resolved, That we will support any measures which the National Government may deem proper to pursue, to avert the projected attempts of such coalitions, and prevent the interposition of any foreign power in the contest between Spain and the Republics of South America and Mexico. As we can but consider any such attempt or intervention, as an evidence of decided hostility against the principles of our own government, and as manifestly endangering the liberty and independence of this nation.

Resolved, That in any such contest which we may be involved, we pledge our lives and fortunes to maintain as the great cause of mankind and the holy conflict of liberty and reason, against tyranny and oppression.

Resolved, That we view with deep interest the noble struggle of the Greeks against their barbarous tyrant, as worthy the descendants of their illustrious ancestors. That we sincerely sympathise in their sufferings, and offer our most ardent wishes for their success. That we believe it the duty of all free and christian men and nations, to afford them every aid in their powers, and we will cheerfully support the national government in such measures as they may adopt to countenance their efforts, and promote their liberty and independence.

Ordered, that the same have a second reading on the first Monday in January next.

On motion by Mr. J. T. H. Worthington, the following message was read, assented to and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 19, 1823.

Gentlemen of the Senate—We have agreed to the amendments proposed by your honorable body to the bill entitled, an act to authorise the levy courts of the several counties in this state to pay the funeral expenses of paupers out of their respective poor houses, with the following amendment, "except Baltimore county;" the poor of which county being amply provided for by the law establishing the alms house of said county and city.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr. Pitt, the following message was read, assented to and sent to the senate:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 19, 1823.

Gentlemen of the Senate—We propose that a committee of twelve be appointed (five by the senate on the part of that body, and seven on the part of the house of delegates to be named by the speaker,) to visit and inspect the penitentiary during the adjournment of the legislature, and that they be requested to report to the legislature the situation of that institution.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Mr. Gerry presents a petition from Levi White, praying to be released from a fine; read and referred to Messrs Gerry, Henderson and Bryan.

The house according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill to alter and change the time of the meeting of the general assembly of Maryland. On motion by Mr. Chesley, to strike out the words "last Monday in December," and insert the first Monday in January. The question was put, on striking out. Determined in the negative. The bill was then passed and returned to the senate.

The bill to authorise the citizens of this state to sue in any of its county courts without being compelled to give security for officers' fees, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Merrick, the question was put, that the same be referred to the 1st day of June next? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs Speaker, Leigh, Gough, Fenwick, Ireland, Linthecum, Dalrymple, Weems, Millar, Rogerson, J. T. H. Worthington, Johnson, Jones, Dennis, Bratton, Dashnell, Semmes, Hughes, Hopper, Meconiken, Slemaker, Turbutt, Kemp, Whiteford, Sawell, Norris, Steel, Boon, W. Stewart, Kershner, Gabby, Bowles, Merrick, W. Duvall, Bruce, Sprigg, M'Mahon, M'Henry.—18.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs Millard, Gale, Hodges, Howard, C. R. Stewart, Iglehart, Chesley, Martin, Spencer, Pitt, Gerry, E. B. Duvall, Clark, Moffett, Nicholson, Franklin, Riley, Fisher, Edward Barwick, Peter, Kilgour, Williams.—22. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Kemp presents a petition from William R. King, of Frederick county, praying a special act of insolvency. Read and referred to Messrs Kemp, Crumwell and Turbutt.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the benefit of William C. Beard, endorsed, "will pass, ordered to be engrossed. Also the additional supplement to the act entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to provide for a new assessment, and to appoint collectors of the tax in and for the city and county of Baltimore; and the bill to authorise Isaac Rawlings, of the state of Tennessee, to remove into this state certain negro slaves, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments; which amendments were read, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Kemp reports a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of William R. King, of Frederick county, and Mr. Duglass reports a bill entitled, an act to alter and amend the constitution as to the mode of appointing clerks of the county courts and registers of wills; the bill for the relief of Uriah Blackburn was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the following order was read: Ordered, that the committee of claims procure one hundred copies of Shriver's maps folded and bound in the book, of the section of country through which a canal to connect the waters of the Chesapeake and Ohio is proposed to pass, for the use of the members of this general assembly. On motion by Mr. Wootton, the words "one hundred," were stricken out. Mr. Semmes moved to insert the word "thirty". Determined in the negative. Mr. M'Mahon moved to insert the words "ninety five." Determined in the negative.