

SATURDAY, December 16, 1809.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Gibson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the children of John Green, late of Dorchester county, deceased, the bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a building to be called The Baltimore Female Academy, the bill, entitled, An act to lay out, straighten and amend, a certain road in Harford county, the bill, entitled, An act to lay out a road in Baltimore county, the bill, entitled, An act providing for the payment of the costs which accrued upon the trial of Thomas Burk, in Washington county, at March term, one thousand eight hundred and nine, the bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine, and to erect a house with an alarm bell thereon, in the western precincts of Baltimore, and the bill, entitled, An act authorising John M. Williams, late sheriff and collector of Saint-Mary's county, to complete his collections, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Washington county to levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, a bill, entitled, An act for the relief and benefit of John Latour, of the city of Baltimore, a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the acts of assembly of this state as require the payment of twenty-five shillings for a marriage license, a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the poor in the several counties therein designated, severally passed by that house December 15, 1809; and the following resolutions:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 15, 1809.

Whereas the present relations of the United States of America with the belligerent powers of Europe, give us but little room to hope that they will speedily abandon those unlawful measures of retaliation on each other, and of violent and indefensible aggression and encroachment on the rights of neutral states, which they have adopted, so inimical to the laws of nations and the free navigation of the seas; and our country, free, flourishing and independent, and resting, as the basis of its existence, upon the industry, public spirit and disinterested patriotism, of its citizens, contains within its bosom the seeds of almost every comfort, convenience and luxury, of the eastern hemisphere, which, if by careful and tender hands they be nurtured and cultivated, will flourish into maturity, in the midst of a grateful people, grown by their assistance, and conducted by their prosperity, to a proud state of perfect and enviable independence on the commerce and manufactures of the nations of Europe: And whereas it is the indispensable duty of the representatives of an enlightened people, who are resolved to live or die all free men, to propose such measures, and enact such laws, as will be necessarily conducive to effectuate so desirable an object, and to place themselves, and their constituents, above the odious necessity of surrendering their dear bought and high prized independence at the altar of foreign usurpation, or of bowing in humble submission to the lawless and insulting orders in council of Great-Britain, or the unauthorised and illegal decrees of the French Emperor: And whereas no measures, which a state legislature could adopt, would so effectually tend to rear these commendable intentions into actual existence, as a strict attention to the encouragement and promotion of domestic manufactures; therefore, **RESOLVED**, by the General Assembly of the state of Maryland, that they will make use of all means in their power, constitutionally, to further, protect, encourage and promote, the growth and progress of domestic manufactures.

**RESOLVED**, That for this purpose liberal and effectual measures should be taken to encourage the raising and improving the breed of sheep.

**RESOLVED**, That sheep, under the number of twenty, shall be protected in the hands of every individual from execution or attachment.

**RESOLVED**, That if forty men, or more, in any company of militia or troop of horse within this state, shall cloath themselves in a full uniform of woollen cloth of the manufacture of this state, to be certified to the governor and council by the captain of the troop or company, and commanding officer of the extra battalion or regiment to which such troop or company may belong, they shall be completely armed and accoutred at the expense of the state; provided, that sufficient security be given to the governor and council for the safe keeping of such arms, and their return when required.

**RESOLVED**, That each member of the general assembly who shall appear at the next session in a suit of woollen cloth, of the manufacture of this state, shall have his name enrolled on the journals as a patron of domestic manufactures.

**RESOLVED**, That it be recommended to the good people of this state to cloath themselves in the domestic manufactures of the country.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The president laid before the senate a letter from the executive of this state, covering resolutions of the legislature of the state of Vermont, disapproving of the resolutions of the legislatures of Virginia, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, proposing amendments to the constitution of the United States; which were read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning 9 o'clock.