

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bill No. 198, endorsed, "assented to" & the following preamble and resolutions.

BY THE SENATE, Jan. 2, 1813.

*Whereas*, It is the duty of those to whom the people of these United States have confided the administration of our national concerns, to take effectual measures to establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. To enable the public functionaries to execute this important trust, and to repel any encroachments which the injustice or ambition of a foreign power may attempt to make upon our unquestionable rights as a free, sovereign and independent people, holding equal rank and possessing equal privileges with the other nations of the world, the constitution of our country has invested its rulers with the power of calling into action the national resources, and of directing the application of them in such manner as may in their judgment be best calculated to attain indemnity for injuries which are past, and security against their recurrence in future. And although it should be the constant endeavor of the government of our country to maintain entire and unimpaired the relations of peace and amity with all the world, yet whenever the pursuit of this pacific policy is rendered utterly inconsistent with the national interest, prosperity and happiness, by the unprovoked injuries and lawless aggressions of a foreign power. Whenever those rights are assailed, without the full and perfect enjoyment of which, a nation can no longer claim the character and attributes of sovereignty and independence; whenever the right of a free people to navigate the common highway of nations, for the purpose of transporting and vending the surplus products of their soil and industry at a foreign market is attempted to be controuled and subjected to such arbitrary rules and tyrannical regulations as the jealousy or injustice of a foreign power may think proper to prescribe. Whenever their citizens, engaged in the exercise of their ordinary occupations, and laboring to attain the means of subsistence for themselves and their families, are torn by the ruthless hand of violence from their country, their connections and their homes. Whenever the tender ties of parent and child, of husband and wife are wholly disregarded by the inexorable cruelty of the unfeeling oppressor, who, usurping the high prerogative of Heaven, and anticipating the dread office of death, converts those sacred relations into a premature orphanage and widowhood—Not that orphanage and widowhood which "spring from the grave," unless indeed the floating dungeons into which they are cast, and compelled to fight the battles of their oppressor may be compared to the awful and gloomy mansions of the tomb. Whenever injuries and oppressions such as these are inflicted by a foreign power upon the persons and properties of our citizens, and an appeal to the justice of such power to obtain redress, proves wholly useless and unavailing. In such case it is the duty of those to whom the sacred trust of protecting the rights of the citizen and the honor of the nation is confided, to take such measures as the exigency of the case shall require to protect the one and vindicate the other. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the war waged by the United States against the government of Great Britain is just, necessary and politic, and ought to be supported by the united strength and resources of the nation, until the grand objects are attained for which it was declared.

*Resolved*, That we have full confidence in the virtue, patriotism and ability of the chief magistrate of the nation, and rejoice that he will again be rewarded by the suffrages of his fellow citizens, for his able and faithful services in the cause of his country.

*Resolved*, That we acknowledge and assert the constitutional right of the President of the United States, to call into the service of the same, the militia thereof, under the authority of congress, whenever in his opinion the exigencies enumerated in the constitution demand such a requisition.

*Resolved*, That we entertain a high sense of the distinguished valor, skill and patriotism of our national commanders and their brave associates, evinced in the late victories obtained by them over the public enemy, and that for such brilliant and illustrious services, they merit the gratitude of their country.

By order,

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

which was read the first and second time by special order, and the question put, that the house assent to the same?

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. C. Hall, Belt, Wm. Hall, Z. Duvall, Stansbury, Harryman, Warner, Randall, Claude, Duvall, Stevens, Sanders, Forwood, (of Wm.) Forwood, (of Jacob,) Bond, Donaldson, Barlow, Bowles, Sprigg—19.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Millard, Plater, Blackistone, Causin, Boyer, Reynolds, Taney, Turner, Emerson, Parnell, Ford, Hambleton, Caldwell, Banning, Seth, Bayly, Long, A. E. Jones, Waller, Lecompte, Griffith, Evans, Lusby, F. M. Hall, Callis, Grahame, Davis, Potter, Young, Hughlett, Abraham Jones, Webb, John Stewart, Riggs, M'Culloh, Robinett.—36.

So it was determined in the negative, and the preamble and resolutions returned to the senate. Messrs. Stephen and M'Creery, from the senate, inform the speaker that the governor is attending the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and request his attendance, with that of the members of this house, for that purpose.

The speaker left the chair, and attended by the members of this house went to the senate, and there presented the following engrossed bills to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto in the presence of both houses:

1. An act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year.
- An act to open a road from New-Town to Buckey's-Town, and thence into the turnpike road at New-Market.
- A supplement to the act entitled, an act to authorise the levy court of Washington county to appoint commissioners to alter, straighten, open and amend a road therein mentioned.