

that no public inconvenience can arise from delaying my acceptance or refusal of the appointment for two or three days, I beg to be indulged in that time for my answer.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, with the highest respect,

Your most obedient humble servant,

BENJ. STODDERT.

*The Honorable Wm. Thomas, Esq. President of the Senate, and  
John C. Herbert, Esq. Speaker of the House of Delegates.*

Which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill entitled, an act authorising William Merryman, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county to complete his collection, and for other purposes; the bill entitled, an act to correct a mistake in the act of assembly therein mentioned, and the bill entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Cecil county, were severally read the second time and will pass.

A petition from Elizabeth Bonaparte, of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce, was preferred, read and referred to Mr. Williams, Mr. MacCreery and Mr. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

The bill entitled, an act to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Keziah Hughes, was read the second time and will pass.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of John Pointer of Worcester county, was read the second time by special order, and will pass.

The senate adjourns until Monday morning nine o'clock.

### MONDAY, November 16, 1812.

The senate met: Present the same members as on Saturday.—The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. Williams from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Bonaparte, delivers a bill entitled, an act annulling the marriage of Jerome Bonaparte, King of Westphalia, and Elizabeth Bonaparte of the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Henry Cross of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time and will pass.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Aquilla Beall of Prince George's county, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

#### Amendments proposed.

1st. Strike out from the word "that" in the 2d line of the 2d page to the word "hereby" in the 6th line of the same page and insert "Prince George's county court is."

2d. Strike out from the word "thereto" in the 11th line of the 2d page, to the word "without" in the 14th line of the same page.

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

### TUESDAY, November 17th, 1812.

The same members appeared as on yesterday, except Mr. Brown and Mr. Holbrook.

Mr. Edward Lloyd appeared in the senate, and after taking the oaths required by the constitution and form of government, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and taking the oath for the support of the government of the United States, took his seat.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill entitled, an act entitled, a supplement to the act of seventeen hundred and eighty five, and the supplementary acts thereto, which provide for the poor of Dorchester county, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned; the bill entitled, an act authorising William Merryman, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county to complete his collection, and for other purposes; the bill entitled, an act to correct a mistake in the act of assembly therein mentioned; the bill entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Cecil county; the bill entitled, an act to authorise and empower the levy court of Anne Arundel county to assess and levy a sum of money for the support and maintenance of Keziah Hughes; the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of John Pointer of Worcester county; the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Henry Cross of the city of Baltimore, and the bill entitled, an act for the relief of Aquilla Beall of Prince George's county, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Elkton, in Cecil county, praying a law to incorporate a company to erect bridges over Big and Little Elk Creeks, and to turnpike the road leading from the one to the other, was preferred, read and referred to Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Davis and Mr. Williams, to consider and report thereon.

The bill entitled, an act to prevent the erection of booths within two miles of any Methodist camp or quarterly meeting in Frederick county, was read the second time and will pass.

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

### WEDNESDAY, November 18, 1812.

The same members appeared as on yesterday, except Mr. Stephen.

Mr. Levi Hollingsworth appeared in the senate, and after taking the oaths required by the constitution and form of government, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and taking the oath for the support of the government of the United States, took his seat.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act respecting small bank notes.

Ordered, That Mr. Levi Hollingsworth, Mr. MacCreery and Mr. Hawkins be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill entitled, an act to prevent the erection of booths within two miles of any Methodist camp or quarterly meeting in Frederick county, was sent to the House of Delegates by the clerk.