

The bill entitled, an act for the sale of the real estate of Thomas Chesley, and Henrietta Chesley, late of Calvert county, deceased, and the bill entitled, an act to repeal an act therein mentioned, were severally read the second time by special order, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the title of the bank of Salisbury, was read the second time, and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution in favor of Jane White, and the resolution relative to the Nantikoke Indian lands, were severally read the second time by special order, dissented from, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolutions relative to the late lieutenant William S. Bush; the resolution relative to the sword intended to have been presented to the late John Davis, and the resolution in favor of the clerks, were severally read the second time by special order, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Great Choptank River, at or near Dover Ferry; a bill entitled, an act respecting certain land certificates in Washington county; a bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to lay out a road from William Sinclair's plantation to Vaughan's Mine Run and Gunpowder Mills, and from thence to the Owl Branch, severally passed by that house, Dec. 23, 1812, and the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec. 22, 1812.

Whereas, an act of congress of the 10th of April, eighteen hundred and twelve, authorised the president of the United States to call into service a detachment of one hundred thousand militia, in order to repel invasion, enforce the laws and suppress insurrection: And whereas, the secretary of war made a requisition under the said act, on the late governor of this state, on the 31st day of July, 1812, of one company of artillery, and of as many companies of infantry, as will make an aggregate force of three hundred and fifty militia, to defend the town and harbor of Annapolis, which said call appears to this general assembly to have been unaccompanied with either of the exigencies by the constitution or the law: And whereas, the wise and patriotic framers of our constitution, having for their object the freedom, happiness, and independence of their country, thought it necessary to preserve this government in its republican form, and secure the blessings of liberty to their posterity, to constitute protecting barriers against an improper and ambitious use of the military powers: And whereas, offensive wars, national aggrandizement by accession of territory, or schemes of foreign conquest, are repugnant to the principles of our free institutions: *Therefore, Resolved*, That it was never contemplated by the constitution and the law, that when they trusted to the president of the United States the power of calling out the militia in certain emergencies, that he should by perverted and strained interpretations, at his discretion use that power in the absence of those emergencies; and that the calling out of the militia as aforesaid, without the existence of either of the emergencies, recognized by the constitution or the law, is an open and dangerous assumption of power, alike inconsistent with the rights of the state, and the convenience of our immediate constituents.

Resolved, that the power delegated by the constitution to the general government, to raise and support armies, as well from the nature and form of the government, as from the preamble to the constitution, was intended for the defence and protection of our territory, and that the invasion of a foreign territory by armies raised and supported by the general government and garrisoning our forts with the militia as a substitute for those armies, is holding them in service longer than any exigency existed, even if any existed at all, and an unwarrantable stretch of power, which must ultimately lead to a consolidation of these United States into a military government, if not timely and vigorously checked and resisted by all lawful and constitutional means.

Resolved, that if the general government, as a part of their policy, prefer the service of the militia to the employment of regular troops in garrison, or any other military operations, even in the state to which they belong, it is under the constitution bound to provide all the means necessary for their support, and that it has no power to burthen the states with any of the expences incident to such service.

By order,

UPTON S. REID, Clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Dec 23, 1812.

Resolved, that the treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas Rogers, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the sum of forty dollars, as an additional compensation to him, as clerk to the senate, at June session, 1812.

By order,

UPTON S. REID, Clk.

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

The bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to appoint commissioners to grade and level the several squares, streets, lanes and alleys in the precincts of Baltimore, west of Jones' Falls, and the bill entitled, an act to authorise a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of completing the Lutheran Church in Middletown, in Frederick county, were severally read the second time and will pass.

The resolution in favor of Thomas Rogers, was read the second time by special order, and assented to.

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

THURSDAY, December 24, 1812.

The senate met.—Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. N. Williams. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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