

enate, relative to the transfer of the stocks of the state, standing in the name of William Marbury, late agent.

On motion by Mr. Bowles the question was put, that the house receive the following as an amendment thereto, viz: Strike out the word "and" in the last line of the first page, and insert in lieu thereof "again to call upon the said William Marbury to comply with the said resolution, and upon his omitting to do so, then he is hereby." Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, that the house assent to the said resolution. Resolved in the affirmative and the resolution returned to the senate.

Mr. Lusby from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom were referred the memorials of sundry inhabitants of Harford and Cecil counties, praying for some immediate relief to their wants occasioned by the conflagrations recently perpetrated by the British at Havre de-Grace and Frederick town, beg leave to report, that they find the facts therein stated to be true. While your committee regret that the exhausted state of our revenue, and the pressing calls which are made for defence against the enemy, will not permit the state to indulge in that liberality which the character of the state for humanity and munificence would require, they cannot but express their belief, that some legislative relief should be granted to the pressing and immediate distresses of the indigent; they therefore submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the order of Messrs. Samuel Hughes, Elijah Davis and Mark Pringle, or a majority of them, the sum of one thousand dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to be by them distributed among the needy and indigent of those who suffered by the burning of Havre de Grace.

Resolved, that the treasurer of the Western Shore pay the sum of seven hundred dollars to the order of Messrs. James Scanlan, Lambert Baird, Richard Davis, Peregrine Biddle, and John Mercer, or a majority of them, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to be by them distributed among the needy and indigent of those who suffered by the burning of Frederick town, in Cecil county, which was read the first and second time by special order, and the question put, that the house concur in the said report and assent to the resolution therein contained.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Graves, Boyer, Wm. Stewart, C. Hall, Wm. Hall, Dorsey, Ford, Parnham, Stansbury, Harryman, Warner, Hambleton, Caldwell, Banning, Seth, Bay y, Waller, Jno. Stewart, Tootel, Evans, Lusby, Hogg, Frey, F. M. Hall, Callis, Claude, L. Duvall, Wright, Stevens, Burgess, T. N. Williams, Wilson, Handy, Quinton, Grahame, Davis, Potts, Delaplane, Forwood (of Jacob) Potter, Young, M'Donald, Donaldson, Barney, Bowles, Lewis, Wm. B. Williams, Sprigg, Abm. Jones, Riggs, Perry, Robinett, Cresap.—53.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Plater, Blackistone, Causin, Belt, Reynolds, Taney, Turner, Emerson, Stonestreet, A. E. Jones, Lecompte, Griffith, Somervell, Hughlett, Kilgour, M'Culloh.—16.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill from the senate entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act authorising James Sloan, Secy. of the city of Baltimore, as attorney for Doctor Joseph Mackrill, to execute a deed to Edward Harris for the lands therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the order of Richard Pattison, John Williams and John Jones, or a majority of them, the sum of _____ dollars, to be by them distributed among the needy and indigent of Dorchester county, who suffered by the destruction of their vessels by the British fleet in the Chesapeake Bay.

On motion by Mr. Emerson, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the order of Gideon Ireland, John I. Brooke and William C. Hungerford, or a majority of them, the sum of _____ dollars, to be by them distributed among the needy and indigent of Calvert county, who suffered by the destruction of their vessels by the British fleet in the Chesapeake Bay.

On motion by Mr. C. Hall the following preamble and resolution were read:

Whereas, sundry persons, inhabitants of George town, in Kent county, have sustained material injury in their property by the recent depredations committed by the enemy in burning their property; Therefore

Resolved, that the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to _____ or their order, the sum of _____ dollars, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to be by them distributed in such sums, and to such persons, as they in their discretion may think proper, as a small remuneration for the losses they have sustained by the British burning their property.

Mr. Lecompte from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the governor's communication as relates to his official correspondence with the executive of the United States, and to the future defence of this state, beg leave to report, that the important principles adverted to in the official correspondence submitted to them, and the distressing and exposed condition of their constituents have received from your committee the most unimpassioned examination.

When your committee recollect that the only object of the confederation of the old thirteen United States was "to provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity," and that for those purposes the constitution of the United States delegated to congress "power to lay taxes, duties, impost and excises; to declare war, to raise and support armies, to provide a navy" and prohibited the individual states entering into any treaty granting letters of marque or reprisals, or to keep troops and ships of war in time of peace," they can-