

tored, without dishonor to the country, the present conjuncture seems to us highly favorable for a reconciliation with England, if it is fairly and honestly desired. The late auspicious events on the continent of Europe, have humbled the power of the proud oppressor of the earth. With the malignity of the spirit of evil, he had stood on his "bad eminence," the scourge of the world, the disseminator of bloody discord and dissention among the nations. Wherever his arms or his arts could reach, he has been the fell disturber of the tranquility and happiness of every region. If the sceptre of the tyrant is not irreparably broken, we may at least hope that limits are permanently set to his inordinate sway. We trust that "the wicked shall now cease from troubling," and viewing him as the atrocious author of all the wanton and dreadful strife which pervades the old and the new world, we do hope, that his tremendous capacity for mischief being terminated or restrained, no barrier will remain against a renewal of friendly intercourse between those powers that have been opposed to each other in battle array by the violence and frauds of the arch-enemy of human liberty. We would therefore, ardently implore the constituted authorities of this nation, that the negotiations about to be instituted, may be carried on with a just and earnest intention of bringing them to an amicable result; that the evils of this unprofitable and pernicious war may not be protracted, and that peace, with all its blessings and advantages, may soon be permitted to dawn again on our shores, to cheer the gloom of disquietude that now exists, and to dispel the darker terrors of a tempest, which threatens, in its continuance, to consign the dearest hopes, the harmony, and the liberties of this United Empire to irretrievable destruction.

On motion by Mr. Quinton, *Ordered*, that the clerk prepare immediately a docket of the bills and reports upon the table, arranging the same according to priority of date, and add thereto from time to time such as may be hereafter reported.

Mr. Randall delivers a petition from Mary Cartright, of Baltimore county, praying a divorce; which was read and referred to Messrs Randall, Dorsey and Bennett.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Sarah B. Parker, of Calvert county, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Warner delivers a bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the infant son of Andrew Hanna, deceased, of the city of Baltimore, and Mr. Donaldson a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Philip German, junior, of the city of Baltimore; which were severally read.

Mr. Maulsby delivers a petition from Mary M'Gill, George Howard and Thomas Worthington, of Anne-Arundel county, relative to a road from Queen Caroline Parish Church, to Richard Owing's mill; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Susan O'Harra, of Anne-Arundel county, and the bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Elijah S. Smith, of Dorchester county, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The resolution in favor of George Gale, of Cecil county, was read the second time by special order, assented to and sent to the senate.

Mr. Randall delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that a law may pass for straightening the road from Baltimore to Goodwyn and Ridgely's mill, on Gun-powder; which was read and referred to Messrs Randall, Harryman and Stansbury.

The bill entitled, an act for the aid of the Baltimore General Dispensary, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr. Culbreth, the following message was read and agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 25, 1814.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

We herewith return to your honorable body, the bill entitled, an act to repeal so much of the 7th section of the act of assembly passed at November session, eighteen hundred and seven, entitled, a further supplement to the act entitled, an act for the regulation and improvement of Denton, in Caroline county, as prohibits the raising and running at large of swine, in the village of Denton aforesaid, and hope, upon reconsideration you will pass the same.

The petition upon which the bill is founded, is signed not only by the persons in the neighborhood of Denton, who suffer by the operation of the prohibitory law, but also by a great majority of the citizens residing in the village, and interested in its operation. Under these circumstances, of which your honors were perhaps not sufficiently apprised, we hope that you will reconsider the bill and give it your assent.

By order,

UPTON S. REID, Clk.

The bill entitled, an act authorising and directing the sale of the real estate of Wm. Hammond, (son of Wm.) late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, and the bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over North East Branch, in Cecil county, were severally read the second time and passed.

According to the order of the day, the house proceeded to the consideration of the bill entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and for the extension of the charters of the several banks in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes. Mr. Howard moved to strike out the seventh section for the purpose of inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"AND BE IT ENACTED, that the several banks in this state, shall, on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixteen, pay to the treasurer of the Western Shore, the sum of thousand dollars, which said sum shall be contributed by the several banks in proportion to the amount of their respective capitals now paid in, or which shall hereafter be paid in during the continuance of their charters under this law; and if after the payment of the said sum, any of the said banks shall call in an additional payment of their capitals, in such case it shall be the duty of such bank or banks to pay to the several banks according to their respective proper