

that it diminishes those resources which ought to be employed in the education of our youth; we still, however, think, that if, in the opinion of the legislature, funds can be spared for the purpose, the work should be commenced, and a system matured for the establishment of schools in every part of the state.

The amount of claims for pay and rations of militia called into service in the course of the last summer, already sanctioned by this department, exceeds one hundred and six thousand dollars, more particular account cannot at this time be given, as the board is still acting upon those claims, and many of them are yet to arrive.

For the purchase of arms and military stores, orders have been drawn to the amount of sixty-nine thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars, but a considerable sum is yet due on this account.

We have the honor to be, with much respect, your obedient servants,

LEV. WINDER.

*The Honorable the General Assembly of Maryland.*

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

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

THURSDAY, December 9, 1813.

THE Senate met.—Present the same members as on yesterday.—The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Thomas Hawkins 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 clerk of the council delivers the following communication from the executive, accompanied by the documents therein referred to:

IN COUNCIL, Annapolis December 9, 1813.

GENTLEMEN,

We have the honor to transmit herewith copies of a law passed by the legislature of Pennsylvania, entitled, an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the river Delaware and the Chesapeake Bay; and of an extract from a former law of the same legislature, which have been sent to this department, by his excellency governor Snyder, for the purpose of being laid before the General Assembly of Maryland.

We also transmit a resolution passed by the General Assembly of North Carolina, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States. This resolution will receive from the General Assembly, the deliberate attention to which its importance justly entitles it.

We have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servants,

LEVIN WINDER.

*The Honorable the President of the Senate, and the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Delegates.*

IN COUNCIL, Annapolis, Dec. 9, 1813.

GENTLEMEN,

We have the honor to acquaint you, that in the recess of the General Assembly, a vacancy having occurred in the office of Register of Wills for Cecil county, by the death of David Smith, Esq. the late register, the executive appointed and commissioned William Alexander, Esq. to that office, to hold the same until the meeting of the general assembly.

We have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servants,

LEV. WINDER.

*The Honorable the President of the Senate and the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Delegates.*

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

Mr. N. Williams from the committee appointed to report rules and regulations to be observed in the senate, delivers the following report:

The committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations to be observed in the senate, beg leave to submit the following report, viz.

RULE 1st. The president shall take the chair at the hour of meeting.

2nd. Every member shall take his seat when the president takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the senate rises.

3rd. The names of the senators shall be called in alphabetical order, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

4th. The president having taken the chair, a quorum being present, the journal of the preceding day shall be read, that any mistake which shall have been made in the entries, may be corrected.

5th. Every member who shall deliver his opinion or speak in any debate, shall rise in his place and respectfully address the president.

6th. No member at the time of his speaking shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

7th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the senate, or more than once until every member choosing to speak may have spoken.

8th. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the president shall determine who shall speak first.

9th. If a member when speaking is called to order by the president, or any other member, he shall cease speaking and take his seat until it is determined whether he is in order or not, and all questions of order shall be determined in the first instance by the president without debate, but every member shall have a right to appeal from his decision to the judgment of the senate.