

Mr. Van Horn delivers a memorial from the president and managers of the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike Company, against the bill for making a straight turnpike road from Baltimore to Washington. Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, an act annulling the marriage of Elijah Pruitt and Betsey, his wife, was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Lecompte, the question was put, that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the 21st day of June next? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

## AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Millard, Neale, Blackistone, Causin, Boyer, B. Hands, Spencer, Worthington, Dorsey, Turner, Jenkins, Seth, Waller, Cottman, Lecompte, Beall, Waring, Wright, J. Thomas, Howard, Taney, J. H. Thomas, Driver, Potter, M'Donald, Tilghman, Schnebly, Jones, Crabb, Riggs, Hilleary, Tomlinson.—33.

## NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Brown, Hood, Hopkins, Stonestreet, Randall, Hambleton, Hands, Bayly, Long, Beard, Mitchell, Duvall, Burgess, Stevens, Wilson, Handy, Quinton, Forwood of Jb. Dallar, Bradford, Gabby, Mason, Lantz, M'Mahon—24.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Taney delivers a bill entitled, an act for the erection of a new gaol in Frederick county, and for other purposes. Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Union Company of Snow Hill. Ordered, that Messrs. Wilson, Quinton and Williams, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Mitchell delivers a petition from John Cameron, of Cecil county, praying that the reversionary interest of the state to certain lands, may be granted to the heirs of Thomas Williams. Which was read and referred to Messrs. Mitchell, Van Horn and Kell

Mr. Bradford from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Harper, of Harford county, praying to be remunerated for damages sustained, by reason of a certain road having been laid out through his land, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under their consideration, and that it does not appear to your committee, that the petitioner has given notice of his intention, as required by a resolution of the General Assembly, passed at May session, 1813. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the petitioner cannot with propriety be granted, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

JAMES C. BLAIR, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time by special order and concurred in.

Mr. Van Horn from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the communication of the executive, "as relates to the loans, under authority of former resolves of the legislature, together with such parts thereof, as concern the public expenditure and financial resources of the state;" REPORT—Of the loans authorised by the resolution of May, 1813, for four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and of the last session, for one hundred and fifty thousand—four hundred and thirty-six thousand have been obtained. Of this sum one hundred and twenty seven thousand two hundred and ten dollars and twenty-three cents, have been expended under the appropriation of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars, for the purchase of arms; and one hundred and seventy four thousand eight hundred and one dollars and twenty-three cents, in defraying the expences of the militia; a balance therefore remains of one hundred and thirty three thousand nine hundred and eighty eight dollars and fifty-four cents, from which, if the balance of the appropriation for arms, viz. fifty two thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine dollars and seventy-seven cents be deducted, there will remain but eighty-one thousand one hundred and ninety-eight dollars and seventy-seven cents; a sum in the opinion of the executive, "inadequate to satisfy the claims already incurred for militia services."

The ordinary revenues of the state are not more than sufficient to meet the permanent expenses thereof, and of course no reliance can be placed on them to supply the present deficiency of the treasury, or to disburse any extraordinary expenditures which the particular situation of the country may render necessary. To raise funds to supply the present deficiency of the treasury, and for our defence for the ensuing year, *taxes, sale of public stocks, and loans*, were the only alternatives that presented themselves to your committee. *Taxation* is already, in the opinion of your committee, extended by the general government to its utmost bounds—as to a *sale of the public stocks*, your committee are decidedly of opinion, that it would be peculiarly inexpedient at this time; no one item could now be disposed of unless at a sacrifice. *Stocks* are now at a very depressed value, and were those belonging to the state, or any considerable portion of them, brought into market, it is very reasonable to presume they would be much more depressed. *Loans* appear the only alternative which can be resorted to, with a due regard to the interests of the people, and of the state. The committee in making this recommendation would observe, that they have given to this important portion of their duties every attentive consideration. They are sensible *taxes* must ultimately be resorted to, but they would delay that event till a season of peace and prosperity shall have increased the ability of the people to meet it. Your committee can but anticipate, that on the return of peace, and its attendant blessings, active commerce, and productive industry of every description, that then the taxes which may be necessarily laid to disburse the debt which shall have been contracted for the defence of the state, will be cheerfully paid;—at all events they do firmly believe, that the people have not the ability, whatever may be their disposition, to bear at this time any increase of taxation.

The committee with pleasure state, on authority, that loans to a considerable amount can be obtained at an interest of six per cent. per annum. Whether the sum so obtainable will be commen-