

surate with the probable demands on the treasury, your committee are unable to say; these demands will vary according to the course of measures that may be adopted by the present legislature for the defence of the state.

With respect to the loans already negotiated, and by their terms redeemable during the present year, your committee have been informed, by written communications from the institutions of which they were obtained, that the period of their redemption will be prolonged. As an inducement to capitalists to advance their money, your committee would recommend, that in addition to the faith of the state, the funds thereof be pledged for the ultimate reimbursement of such loans as shall be effected. The funds of the state, the accumulation of the providence and economy of our ancestors, your committee would most anxiously cherish, and if possible perpetuate unimpaired; but they unhesitatingly express their opinion, that in the present calamitous situation of the country, when the people are bowed down with difficulties, in order to avert still greater embarrassment and suffering, it imperiously behoves the legislature to make the pledge of the funds, if necessary, to obtain the sum of money which the exigencies of the treasury shall require.

Agreeably to the opinions expressed in this report, the committee beg leave to submit to the house, for its adoption, the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That in addition to the loan heretofore authorised, the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised, to negotiate a loan on such terms, and at such periods, as the governor and council shall approve, not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the funds of the state are hereby pledged for the repayment of the principal and interest thereof.

By order,

JAMES C. BLAIR, Ck.

Which was read.

The house adjourns until Monday morning nine o'clock.

MONDAY, January 9, 1815.

The house met. Present, the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill, entitled, an act for the benefit of the heirs of John Hesselins, late of Alleghany county, deceased, was sent to the senate.

The amendments proposed by the senate to the bill entitled, an act authorising the executive of the state, to provide for the meeting of the general assembly, and for the removal and transfer of the public records and offices, in certain emergencies, were read the second time, and the question was put, that the house assent to the first amendment; to wit, "Strike out the title and insert an act providing for the safety of the public records, and for other purposes?" Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, that the house assent to the second amendment, viz. Strike out from the word Maryland, in the first line of the first enacting clause, to the end of the bill, and insert, "That if at any time in consequence of events affecting the public safety, it should be, in the opinion of the governor of this state, inexpedient or unsafe for the public records to remain at the city of Annapolis, in such case the governor shall be, and he hereby is authorised and empowered to direct the removal and transfer of said records, to any suitable place in this state, and to cause the necessary preparations to be made for the purposes aforesaid.

*And be it enacted*, That so soon as the cause which induced the said removal shall cease to operate, it shall be the duty of the governor for the time being, to cause the said records to be returned to the city of Annapolis, where the business of the several offices and courts of justice shall be conducted as heretofore.

*And be it enacted*, That if at any time during the present or any future session of the general assembly, the regular session of said assembly should be interrupted by reason of the enemy invading any part of the country near the city of Annapolis, or invading or taking possession of said city, or such other events should occur as to render it unsafe to continue the session at Annapolis, and no adjournment shall have been made to meet at any other place, by reason of the members thereof having dispersed, or otherwise, then and in that case the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates shall each adjourn their respective houses to meet at the court house in the city of Baltimore, on some day within four days thereafter, and the said president and speaker shall take the necessary measures for removing the books, papers and records of their respective houses, to the said court house in the city of Baltimore.

*And be it enacted*, That in case the general assembly shall hereafter be about to convene, and the city of Annapolis or the adjoining country should be in possession of the enemy, or any event should render it unsafe to assemble at said city, the governor shall be and he is hereby authorised to convene by proclamation, the general assembly, at the city of Baltimore." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Dorsey, Burgess, Stevens, Forwood of Jb. Dallam, Bradford, Schnebly.—7.

NEGATIVE.

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Millard, Neale, Blackiston, Causin, Boyer, B. Hands, Browne, Hood, Worthington, Turner, Stonestreet, Ford, Jenkins, Caldwell, A. Hands, Bayly, Waller, Cottman, Long, Le-compte, Griffith, Beard, Mitchell, Hogg, Evans, Beall, Somervell, Van Horn, Duvall, Wright, Wilson, Williams, Quinton, J. Thomas, Howard, Taney, J. H. Thomas, Potter, M'Donald, Gabby, Jones, Kilgour, Crabb Riggs, Lantz, Hilleary, M'Mahon.—48.

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Quinton delivers a petition from Eli Perdue, and a petition from Thomas Noble, of Worcester county, severally praying that the levy court may be authorised to levy a sum of money for their support. Which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Quinton, Wilson and Williams.