

your part then to unite in making it; and all the deplorable consequences pretended to be of magnitude, which have flowed from the office remaining vacant are wholly chargeable to that refusal. But we are not aware that any very lamentable effects have been thereby occasioned; and we much doubt whether the decision of the senate of the United States would have been essentially different had Maryland been fully represented therein. The subject of the commercial treaty with Great Britain is referred to as having occupied the deliberations of that body. This treaty appears to us to consist of provisions little calculated to produce collision of sentiments; and its ratification seemed almost unavoidably to follow from the admission upon terms in which it was negotiated.

We proposed to make the election of a senator, when on the re-assembling of the two houses after the Christmas Holidays: there was a general attendance of the members of the senate, whose votes we must be excused for considering at least as important as those of a like number of delegates; especially as we are entirely satisfied that the wishes & sentiments of the people of Maryland are as fairly & honestly represented by this body as by the house of delegates. Although the convalescent state of health of the members of your house enables them now to make a more vigorous manifestation of strength than on the 10th instant, that is a consideration which cannot be allowed to influence the proceedings of this body. For not consenting sooner than was proffered by their former message to concur in this election, the senate are not bound, nor are they disposed to assign any reasons, or to make any apology to the house. It was thought by your predecessors in eighteen hundred and nine, that a refusal to join with the senate, then existing in the choice of an United States senator was sufficiently justified by objecting to the candidate who would probably be elected. Whether, (if the house are to set precedents for the senate) the known political sentiments of the gentleman named by you, would not furnish an equal justification, we shall forbear to decide, since we are not disposed to adopt a doctrine so irreconcilable with correct principles, or to follow an example so little worthy of imitation. If a neglect to bestow a prompt attention on subjects sent from one branch to the other, furnished a fit occasion for complaint by the former, the length of time during which most of the bills that have originated in the senate, have been neglected in your house would amply justify such a complaint. But we are not more inclined to offer than to receive reproof. It must be confessed that if your first message has been left to sleep on our table, it has not been for want of having our attention awakened to its important purpose. Nevertheless it is to be apprehended that the senate will shew themselves as deaf to the remonstrances of the house as they have hitherto been supposed to be blind to the magnitude of the occasion which has produced those remonstrances.

By order,

THOMAS ROGERS, Clk.

The question was put, will the senate postpone the further consideration thereof? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Davis, (Pres't) Brown, Fenwick, Hawkins, Hebb, L. Hollingsworth, Johnson, Stephen—8

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Frazier, Holbrook, W. Hollingsworth, Kent, Nabb, N. Williams—6

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the house of delegate delivers a bill entitled, an act securing to mechanics and others, payment for their labor and materials in erecting any house, or other building within the city and precincts of Baltimore, A bill entitled, an act to repeal an act entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to lay out and make public a road in Baltimore county, severally passed by that house January 24, 1816; and the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 24, 1816.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We believe that all the business of importance before us may be finished by Friday next, and that the interests of our constituents require that a speedy close shall be put to the session. We therefore propose with the concurrence of your honorable body to adjourn on that day, and to hand over to the next general assembly all unfinished business. We propose during the remainder of the session that four hours of doing business shall be from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock P. M. and from 5 P. M. to 9.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which were severally read the first time and the bills ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution in favor of Alexis Boone, was read the second time, assented to and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money to build a church in Saint Mark's Parish in Frederick county, was read the second time, passed with an amendment and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act to repeal part of the act entitled, an act for the ease of the inhabitants in examining evidences relating to the bounds of lands and in the manner of obtaining injunctions, was read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill entitled, an act to lay out and open a road therein mentioned, passed by that house January 23, 1816; and the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 24, 1816.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message proposing to proceed immediately to the election of register of wills for Frederick county. We have to inform you that we agree thereto and are ready on our part.

By order,

LOUIS GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which were severally read the first time and the bill ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. L. Hollingsworth, that the bill entitled, an act relative to the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore and for other purposes, have a second reading, it was decided by the chair, and the decision upon an appeal to the senate determined to be correct, that the motion was out of order, the subject matter of said bill having been previously decided upon.

The bill entitled, an act to correct a mistake in the deed therein mentioned, was read the second time by special order and will not pass; sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act to give validity and operation to the deed of conveyance therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass; sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.