

ton, Lecompte and Potts, on the part of this house, to join such committee as you may be pleased to appoint on the above subject, in which your concurrence is requested.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Taney reported the following resolutions :

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the president of the United States ought to be designated by the free and independent expression of the public will ; and that all associations by persons in office and authority to controul and overawe the public sentiments by the weight and power of official influence, are contrary to the spirit of the constitution, and dangerous to the liberties of the people.

Resolved, That the article of the constitution of the United States which prohibits members of congress, and persons holding offices under the United States from being electors of president, was intended as a barrier against the poisonous effects of executive interference in that most important election, as a safeguard to the people against intrigues and combinations for confirming the office to the members of a powerful political cabal ; proves the foresight of the distinguished men who framed the constitution ; and ought to be observed and executed in its true spirit and meaning, as well as in the letter.

Resolved, That the nomination of a president by a meeting of members of congress, held in the city of Washington, within the immediate reach of executive influence, and in the midst of the chief officers of the government, who hold in their hands power that may awe, and gifts that may tempt, is a palpable departure from the principles of the constitution ; an unwarrantable interference by those whom the constitution forbids us to trust, and thereby teaches us to suspect ; is calculated to give to the executive an improper and dangerous influence in the elections ; opens the door to corruption and bargains for the office ; and may ultimately give to the president the power of naming his successor, and rob the people of all but the mere form of election.

Wherefore, it is resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, that all nominations of president by such meetings of members of congress, under whatever pretence made, are unjustifiable and full of evil, and ought to be openly and steadily opposed, before time, and submission on the part of the people, shall have sanctioned and confirmed them.

Which was read and ordered to be printed.

BY THE SENATE, January 2, 1817.

*Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,*

The senate have read and considered the message communicated by you to the senate proposing the appointment of a joint committee to consider and report on the communication of the commissioners under the joint resolution of the general assembly at their last session, relative to the practicability and expediency of opening and extending Pratt and Lombard-streets in the city of Baltimore, and appointing the gentlemen on your part to compose such committee, and concur therein, and appoint on the part of the senate Messrs. Winder, Taney and Dorsey, to join the gentlemen appointed by you for that purpose.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 3, 1817.

The senate met. The same members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hollyday appeared in the senate.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Ruth Moore, and her helpless children, of Cecil county ; the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Eleanor Montgomery ; the bill, entitled, An act to locate and make public a road connecting the road leading from Williams's ferry with Market-street in Frederick-town, in Frederick county ; the bill, entitled, An act to empower the judges of the fifth election district in Washington county to hold the elections in any suitable house in the town of Hancock, were severally read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising Philip King, of Charles county, to bring sundry negroes into this state, was read a second time, and on motion by Mr. Dorsey to withdraw the same and to lie on the table, was determined in the negative ; and on motion was read the second time by special order and will not pass ; was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish a bank and incorporate a company under the name of the Elkton Bank of Maryland, was read the second time by special order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Mr. Hollyday from the committee to whom was referred the bill from the house of delegates, entitled, An act authorising the levy court of Talbot county to appoint a suitable person to take care of the court-house in said county, reports, that the committee have examined and considered said bill, and are of opinion that it ought to be rejected by the senate ; and they further report, that it is in their opinion, expedient to pass a law, vesting the court house and other public property in the town of Easton, in the levy court of Talbot county ; and they herewith report a bill for that purpose.

A bill, entitled, An act to vest in the justices of the levy court of Talbot county certain property, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned ; a bill, entitled, An act authorising certain commissioners therein mentioned to survey and lay out a road in Cecil county, and for other purposes therein mentioned ; a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the gas light company of Baltimore, were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Richard Bartlett, was read the second time, and the following amendment was proposed—In the 8th line of the second section after the word "to" insert the words "enable him to." Which was adopted, and on motion of Mr. Taney ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following bills and resolutions:

The bill, entitled, An act appointing Robert J. H. Handy trustee to convey to Isaac Harris, Josiah W. Heath, and William Coston, certain lands therein mentioned ; the bill, entitled, An act to empower Henry Howard, of John, of Montgomery county, to bring into this state certain negro slaves therein mentioned from the state of Virginia ; the bill, entitled, An act to appoint Isaac Mayo, of the city of Annapolis, trustee for the sale of certain real property therein mentioned ; the bill, entitled, An act authorising John D. Henley to remove certain negroes into the state of Maryland ; the bill, entitled, An act appointing Elizabeth Casey, of the city of Baltimore, trustee for the purpose therein mentioned ; the bill, en-