

tance not exceeding a mile and an half or two miles, will require improvements of a different kind. The same deepening of channel, by blowing of rocks, and by wing dams, or otherwise, that will be necessary for the ascending navigation, will be the most advantageous for descending the river; nor are we aware of any place where the one may be improved without benefitting the other, except the blowing of the House or Jerry's Rock, and the Goose Rock; both of which, though detrimental to descending lie too far from the shores to impede the ascending crafts. The probable expense of these improvements must be matter of considerable uncertainty, though we believe that 250,000 dollars, judiciously expended would render the descending navigation not only perfectly safe, but make it practicable for a much longer period of the year, and at the same time render the ascent practicable at such a cost as might be borne by those who wish to transport merchandise up the river in that manner.

In conclusion we have only to remark, that we deem it unnecessary to dwell upon the importance of the improvement of the navigation of this great river, not only in a national point of view, but particularly to Maryland, and more especially to Baltimore, and that portion of the state contiguous to its shores.

Whether it would be most advisable to accomplish this object by the expenditure of public funds, or by authorising public spirited individuals, on such terms as will afford sufficient stimulus to enterprize, without unduly burthening those who may use the navigation of the river, we submit to the wisdom of the general assembly. We are led to believe, that the state of Pennsylvania will concur in passing a law, founded on reasonable principles, in concurrence with this state, for the accomplishment of this great object.

LEVIN GALE,  
JOSEPH COUDON.

Which was read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Priscilla Nichols, of Montgomery county, passed by that house December 15, 1817; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

## TUESDAY, December 16, 1817.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Calvert appeared in the senate, qualified, and took his seat.

Mr. Winchester presented the memorial of the mayor and city council of the city of Baltimore; which was read, and referred to Messrs. Winchester, Winder and Gale, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Winchester from the committee reported a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the opening and extension of Pratt-street, in the city of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act authorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery for the benefit of Charlotte Hall School. Ordered, That Messrs. Dorsey, Gale and Calvert, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the German Lutheran Congregation in Frederick-Town in Frederick county, was read the second time, and on motion was postponed for further consideration.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as relates to Kent county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise Robert C. Baynard to convey the lands therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk with the following message:

BY THE SENATE, December 16, 1817.

*Gentlemen of the house of delegates,*

We have rejected the bill which originated in your house, entitled, An act to authorise Robert C. Baynard to convey the lands therein mentioned; we have done so because we believe the case intended to be provided for by the above bill is embraced in the provisions of the act of the last session, entitled, An act to authorise the chancellor and the several county courts of this state to order and decree the sales of real estates of minors in the cases therein mentioned.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, CLK.

On motion of Mr. Jackson, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act for the destruction of crows in the several counties of this state, so far as relates to Somerset county. Ordered, That Messrs. Jackson, Magruder and Maxcy, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Charles P. Graze of Frederick county, was read the second time, and on motion, referred to Messrs. Jackson, Winder and Gale, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise and require the trustees of the poor of Queen Anne's county to convey the lands therein mentioned, was read the second time, and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at December session 1816, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Prince-George's county into election districts, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following bills: A bill, entitled, An act to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of William Redding as a justice of the peace for Kent county, passed by that house December 15, 1817; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table; a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of William Cowan of Cecil county; a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Cecil county; a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas Rowe of Cecil county; a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for building a Masonic Hall in Elkton in Cecil county; a bill, entitled, An act for the establishment of an Academy in Elkton in Cecil county, severally passed by that house December 16, 1817; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table; a bill, entitled, An act to authorise Henry Ashton to make sale of certain slaves, passed by that house December 11, 1817; was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk. Also a resolution in favour of John Long; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.