

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Resolve, That we cordially approve the efforts of the general government to foster our navy, and to cause a progressive increase of this means of defence, which experience has taught us to regard as necessary to our protection, and to the maintenance of that high and dignified character which has exalted our country amongst the nations of the earth.

That we cordially approve of every effort of the general government to extend and perfect a system of defence by fortifications, highly useful in other places, and essentially necessary to the waters of the Chesapeake, and its tributary rivers.

And whereas, from the relative position of this state, and those vast sources of successful enterprise and wealth, the rivers Potomac and Susquehanna, as well as from the relation of our large city to an extensive district of inland country, it is of the utmost importance to our citizens that a system of internal improvement should be vigorously pursued.

Therefore, we do further Resolve, That we will highly approbate, and will zealously co-operate with the general government in the adoption of such measures as will afford to our country the facilities and advantages which nature has placed in our controul, and which a wise policy should induce us to improve.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be forwarded by the executive to each of our senators and members of congress, with a request that they will co-operate in the promotion of the measures which, in the sense of the legislature, are best calculated for the interests of the Union at large, and especially of the state.

By order

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The resolution relative to the members and officers of the legislature, was read the third time, assented to, and returned to the house of delegates.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered a bill, entitled; A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of the trustees of Garrison Forrest Academy, and the Franklin Academy, in Baltimore county; and a bill, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners for the purpose of dividing Dorchester county into six separate election districts; which were severally read the first time and laid on the table. Also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES; December 12, 1822.

Gentlemen of the Senate.—We have received your message of this day, proposing a committee of conference, and concur with the same. Messrs. Estep, Purviance and Millard, are appointed on the part of this house to meet such gentlemen as are appointed by your honorable body.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Chambers submitted the following message, which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, December 12, 1822.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.—The senate have appointed Messrs. Chambers, Miller and M'Kim, a committee, to meet the committee appointed by your house, to confer upon the proper mode to make public the proceedings of the legislature.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message, which was read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 12, 1822.

Gentlemen of the Senate.—We have appointed Messrs. Millard, Wootton, Maddox, Hoffman, Chauncey, Fisher and Slemaker, on the part of this house, to join such gentlemen as may be named by your honorable body, to form a committee of both houses, for the purpose of comparing and examining all engrossed bills.

By order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the election of a vestry to St. Johns church, in Queen Caroline Parish, in Anne Arundel county; which was read the first and by special order a second time, and referred to Messrs. Chambers, Brownly and Wootton.

Mr. Kent from the committee delivered a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

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

FRIDAY, December 13, 1822.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read,

Mr. Chambers from the committee of-conference, submitted the following report; which was read.

The committee report, that they have had a conference on the subject, and recommend to the senate that the proceedings shall be printed daily, in such manner that the votes and proceedings of each branch may be kept separately.

The committee have ascertained that the printing can be done for \$60 the 100 pages, 106 copies; and estimating the amount of printing, from the proceedings of the last session, the gross amount of costs will not exceed from \$200 to \$250.

By order,

T. W. LOOCKERMAN, Com. Clk.

The president laid before the senate the following letter; which was read, and sent to the house of delegates.

DIVIDING CREEK, December 11, 1822.

To William R. Stuart, esq. President of the Senate, and
William H. Marriott, esq. Speaker of the House of Delegates,

Gentlemen—Your joint letter of the 9th instant, announcing my election as governor of the state, has just been received. To be selected from the citizens of Maryland for so honorable a