

ple of government essential to its prosperity and happiness is likely to be defeated by a party in opposition, entertaining different views and avowing hostile sentiments, then very properly resort may be had to this expedient to produce union of sentiment and concert of action among the friends of the government. A nation may be saved from danger and destruction by this remedy; but in times of public peace and tranquility, when nothing disturbs the healthful state of the body politic, the people calm, dispassionate and sovereign, should not be interrupted in the pursuit of their legitimate purposes."

In the 2nd section after the word "perform" in the third line insert "without the agency of any tribunal not especially authorised by themselves," and strike out "without the corrective interposition of any other tribunal." In the first resolve in the 3rd line strike out the words "at this time." The resolutions were then ordered to be engrossed as amended for a third reading, being engrossed, they were called up for a third reading by special order, the question being taken whether the senate would agree to the same as engrossed it was decided in the affirmative, and upon the yeas and nays being required, it appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs President, Bowie, Cockey, Chambers, Claude, Kent, Orrell, Quinton and Winder.—9.

NEGATIVE—Messrs Dickinson and Miller.—2.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message, viz, Resolution relative to the payment of accounts; which was read and laid on the table. Also a bill entitled, an act authorising the commissioners to lay out a road in Montgomery and Anne Arundel counties; which was read the first time and laid on the table.

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

THURSDAY December, 18, 1823.

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

The bill entitled an act to authorize the Levy Court of Queen Ann's county, to pay the funeral expences of paupers out of the Poor House of said county, was read a third time, amended, passed and returned to the House of Delegates. Amendments adopted, 1st, strike out the words "The Levy Court of Queen Ann's County," in the enacting clause, and insert in lieu thereof, "The Levy Courts of the several counties of this state." 2d, strike out the word "county" in the 4th line of the enacting clause, and insert "counties." 3d, strike out the words "The Levy Courts of Queen Ann's County" in the title of the bill, and insert in lieu thereof, "the Levy Courts of the several counties of this state."

The bill entitled an act, to ascertain the allowance to sheriffs' for keeping prisoners in jail, charged with criminal offences, and finding them victuals in the several counties therein mentioned, was read a third time, passed and returned to the House of Delegates.

On motion by Mr. Winder, the following message was adopted and sent to the House of Delegates.

BY THE SENATE, Dec. 18, 1823.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates—In conformity to the custom of the General Assembly, we propose to you to adjourn from Saturday, the 20th, till Monday the 29th of December.

The senate believe that experience has shown, that the necessity which the private affairs of many members, impose on them, of returning to their homes at that period, renders it difficult if not impossible, to proceed with any useful effect in the business of the session, and therefore respectfully invite you to concur in the proposed adjournment. By order,

WM. KILTY, Clerk.

The bill entitled an act to authorise the several Levy Courts in this state, to recover from delinquent supervisors and other debtors, any sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars, which may be due to their respective counties, as other small debts are recoverable by individuals out of court; was read the third time, passed and returned to the House of Delegates.

The bill entitled an act, farther to extend the term fixed for the completion of the Turnpike Road, leading from Boonsborough to Swearingen's Ferry, in Washington county, was read a second time and laid on the table.

The bill entitled an act, for the benefit of Nancy Paul, of Dorchester county, was read a second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill entitled an act, supplementary to an act, for the relief of the poor of Prince George's county, passed December session 1822, chapter 121; was read a third time, passed and returned to the House of Delegates.

On motion by Mr. Bowie, the following order was adopted :

Ordered, that the following standing committees, in addition to those already created in the senate, be appointed.

Committee of Ways and Means, to consist of five members.

Committee on Internal Improvements, to consist of five members.

Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to consist of three members.

Mr. Winder's "resolutions relative to South America," being the order of the day, were taken up, read the third time, and unanimously assented to.

The clerk of the House of Delegates, delivered "a bill, entitled an act, for the benefit of Susanna Joiner, of Kent county," which was read a first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the leave to bring in a bill, entitled an act, to confirm an act, passed at December session, 1822, entitled an act, to alter and change all such parts of