

ington, that "towards the preservation of their government, and the permanency of their present happy state, it is necessary that they not only discountenance irregular opposition to its acknowledged authority, but also that they resist, with care, the spirit of innovation upon its principles, however specious the pretexts:" "One method of assault," he proceeds, "may be to affect, in the form of the constitution, alterations which will impair the energy of the system, and thus undermine what cannot be directly overthrown." Thus warned from such exalted authority, it behooves the people of the United States to touch, with awful caution, the principles of the great charter upon which rests so eminently the general welfare; at this crisis, when a fair, full and successful experiment of the wise, energetic and salutary principles and provisions of our constitution has been made, and its wisdom undeniably established; when the administration of this constitution is so ably conducted in its several departments, and tranquillity, safety and happiness, thereby diffused throughout the union, equal rights protected, and the interests of the whole eminently promoted and preserved, it would be highly impolitic to hazard the general harmony, in giving a constitutional sanction to a measure, which, we consider, can be productive of no possible general good, but may tend, in its mischievous effects, to unhinge the leading principles upon which some of the most valuable and salutary provisions of the constitution are founded, and thereby introduce national discord, and a subversion of all government; the proposed amendment, therefore, being, in the opinion of the committee, unwise, unsafe and impolitic, and as they are friends to the confederation, and hostile to any measure which have a tendency to endanger the union, they submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the legislature of Maryland the amendment to the constitution of the United States, proposed by the legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, ought not to be adopted.

RESOLVED, That the governor of this state be and he is hereby requested to transmit an official copy of the foregoing resolution to the governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of said report for the use of the general assembly.

ORDERED, That the said report be read the second time on Tuesday next.

The amendment proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the levy court of Allegany county relative to roads in said county, was read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to separate Rogers's addition to Baltimore-town from the city of Baltimore, and to make it a part of Baltimore county, the question was put, Shall the following be received as an amendment thereto? to wit: "Be it enacted, That nothing contained in the provisions of this act shall have any force or effect until assented to by the mayor and city council of the city of Baltimore, at their next session which shall happen after the passage of this act, any thing in the provisions thereof to the contrary notwithstanding." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Shall the bill pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.							
Messrs. Scott,	Harwood,	M'Pherson,	Harryman,	Alexander,	Contee,	Montgomery,	Ringgold,
Moore,	Somervell,	Stansbury,	Jackson,	Veazey,	Blake,	Forwood,	Swearingen,
Hatcheson,	Ireland,	Lemmon,	Hyland,	Miller,	Thompson,	Bowles,	B. Tomlinson,
Dorsey,	B. Mackall,	Brown,	Sheredine,	Covington,	Cockey,	Yates,	Bayard.
N E G A T I V E.							
Messrs. R. Neale,	Thomas,	Selart,	Goldsborough,	Cottman,	Hawkins,	Ellicott,	Bruce,
W. Neale,	Mercer,	Chapman,	T. Bayly,	Handy,	Stephen,	Darn,	J. Tomlinson.
Hebb,	Parnham,	Spencer,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill, entitled, An act authorising Solomon Holland, late collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collection, endorsed; "By the senate, January 9, 1805: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, January 12, 1805: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Ordered that the said bill be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act extending the time for taking the bond of the sheriff of Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the senate, January 9, 1805: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, January 11, 1805: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."

Which amendments were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also the resolution in favour of Edward Roberts, and the resolution in favour of Benjamin Hatcheson, severally endorsed; "By the senate, January 9, 1805: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, January 11, 1805: Read the second time and assented to.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk."