

assignment and appropriation of revenues for the support and maintainance of public instruction, as contained in your communication of the 5th instant, so far as they relate to the funds derived from the government of the U. States, in virtue of the resolution No. 38, passed at December session 1825, which, in specific terms, were appropriated for the support of common schools, with a direct view to the system of elementary education, which at the same session was submitted to the consideration of the public, and subsequently was adopted by a large majority of the state; and the principle you assume is clearly consistent with sound policy, as the education of the coloured people is not contemplated by the law of public instruction; neither can it consist with the primary interests of the whole population; but we dissent from so much of your assumption as embraces the funds accruing under the act, entitled, 'An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road leading to Cumberland, and the extension of the charters of the several banks in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes,' and its several supplements and the acts of assembly passed at December session 1817, chapter 16 and 93, as by the act of 1825, chapter 162, section 25, the original destination of those funds is strictly preserved; and as, in fact, the disturbance of that enactment would virtually effect a vested right, and operate as a violation of the public faith; we have therefore passed an act in accordance with these views, for which, we ask the concurrence of your honourable body.

Which was read.

And on motion by Mr. Teackle, made the order of the day for Thursday next the 10th inst.

Mr. Comegys from the committee on divorcees, made unfavourable reports on the petition of *Andrew Stein*, of Baltimore county, and the petition of *Rosanna Arterson*, of Washington county; which were severally read.

Mr. Steele submitted the following order; which was read.

Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice inquire into the expediency of opening a communication between the room at present occupied by the clerk of the court of appeals, and in the room formerly used as an armoury, near the head of the stairs leading to the former apartment, and converting the same into a consultation room for the use of the judges of the court of appeals; and into the expediency of appropriating the sum of dollars per annum, to be expended under the direction of in the purchase of books for the use of the said judges, and the bar of the said court.