

Legislature of Maryland.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

WEDNESDAY, January 30th, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Goldsborough, who had leave of absence.

The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill, entitled, An act to abolish imprisonment for debt in the state of Maryland, the bill, entitled, An act for the re-valuation of the real and personal property in Saint Mary's county, and for other purposes, the bill, entitled, An act to abolish the office of commissioners of the tax for Charles county, the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of James B. Dixon, former sheriff of Calvert county, the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of George Gardiner and William Mudd, of Charles county, and the bill, entitled, An act to extend real estate, were severally sent to the senate.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorize John D. Daniels, of the city of Baltimore, to lease certain property therein mentioned, was returned to the senate.

Mr. Gantt again appeared in the house, and resumed his seat.

Mr. Hunt presented the memorial of Clark and Kellogg, and others, of the city of Baltimore, praying an alteration in the laws regulating pilots; which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

On motion by Mr. Holmes, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the process to be issued by justices of the peace in certain cases. Ordered, That Messrs. Holmes, Brewer and Birchena, prepare and report the same.

On motion by Mr. Biles, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, An act to authorize justices of the peace in this state to issue attachments in certain cases therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. Biles, Claude and Montgomery, prepare and report the same.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the erection of a bridge over Antietam creek, at or near Hagar's mill, in Washington county, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were severally read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

And delivered a bill, originated in, and passed by the senate, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to regulate the removal of proceedings in criminal cases, and to make certain changes in the constitution and form of government for that purpose; which was read and referred to the standing committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Murphy, of Queen Anne's county; which was read and referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Brown of Queen Anne's, Tilghman and Thomas.

And a bill, entitled, An act relating to Cromwell's bridge in Baltimore county; which was read and referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Worthington, Holmes and Turner.

On motion by Mr. Steele, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional act to quiet possessions. Ordered, That Messrs. Steele, Brewer and Waters, prepare and report the same.

On motion by Mr. M'Elfresh, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the sheriff and collectors of the several counties in this state. Ordered, That Messrs. M'Elfresh, Spence and Willson, prepare and report the same.

On motion by Mr. Tilghman, the resolution offered by him on the 21st inst, directing the clerk of the council to give notice by advertisement, for at least two consecutive weeks before the first day of November next, and annually thereafter, in three newspapers in the city of Baltimore, two in the city of Frederick, and two in the city of Annapolis, that sealed proposals will be received by him until the last Monday in December following, for furnishing the necessary stationery for the use of the executive and legislative departments of the government for the ensuing year, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and assented to.

Mr. M'Elfresh presented the petition of Jacob Leas of Frederick county, praying for the payment of lumber used as the state's property in repairs to the barracks in Fredericktown; which was read and referred to the committee on claims.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace. Also the bill, entitled, An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, so that each county and the city of Baltimore may have a senator to be elected immediately by the people; severally endorsed "will not pass." And the bill, entitled, An act to exempt the wearing apparel of deceased persons from appraisement and sale in certain cases, and for other purposes; endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were severally read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

THURSDAY, January 27th, 1831.

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

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent unnecessary accumulation of costs on all actions or suits at law in the county courts of this state, passed at December session 1829, chapter 160.

And the resolution directing the clerk of the council to give notice by advertisement for at least two consecutive weeks, before the first of November next, and annually thereafter, in three newspapers in the city of Baltimore, two in the city of Frederick, and two in the city of Annapolis, that sealed proposals will be received by him until the last Monday in December following, for furnishing the necessary stationery for the use of the executive and legislative departments of the government for the ensuing year, were taken up for consideration, read the second time, and assented to.

Mr. Hanson presented the petition of John J. Jacob, of Annapolis county, an officer in the revolution, praying for the land from the state, which had not been granted him for revolutionary services; which was read and referred to Messrs. M'Elfresh, Houghton and Parker.

Mr. Waters presented the petition of the commissioners

of the town of Harrods-Grace, in Harford county, praying the passage of an act to authorize said commissioners to build one or more wharves in said town; which was read and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. M'Elfresh presented the petition of sundry citizens of Fredericktown, praying an alteration of the laws respecting licenses to sell spirituous liquors, within the corporate limits of said town; which was read and referred to Messrs. M'Elfresh, M'Kinstry and Richardson.

Also the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying the passage of a law allowing illegals to witnesses and jurors, and for other purposes; which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Duval presented the petition of Verilinda Tyler, praying to be placed on the pension list of said county; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

Mr. Brewer presented the petition of Gasaway Pindell, administrator of Nicholas Pindell, a soldier of the revolution, who died in the service without receiving his pay, praying to be remunerated for those services; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Gittings presented the petition of sundry citizens of Montgomery county, praying the passage of an act to straighten and amend the public road from John Harro's tavern by the Burnt Mills, to the house of Thomas Gittings; which was read and referred to Messrs. Gittings, Willson and Harding.

Mr. Hunt presented the petition of Horatio G. Jameson, and others, of the city of Baltimore, praying an act of incorporation for Washington Medical College; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Merrick, Ely, Nicholas and M'Elfresh.

Mr. Ely presented the memorial of Thomas B. Cockey, and Mary Ann his wife, of Baltimore county, praying that the said Mary Ann may be authorized by law to dispose of certain lands by last will and testament; which was read and referred to Messrs. Ely, Turner and Holmes.

Mr. Moore presented the petition of James Backingham, of Harford county, praying to be released from the payment of certain fines incurred for retailing goods without license; which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

And Mr. Leo presented the memorial of the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, praying certain privileges; which was read and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion by Mr. Harcastle, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the levy court of Carroll county to build a bridge and causeway over Old-town Branch in said county. Ordered, That Messrs. Harcastle, Jones and Charles, prepare and report the same.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, so far as relates to Prince-George's county. Ordered, That Messrs. Edelen, Duval and Gantt, report the same.

On motion by Mr. M'Elfresh, leave was given to bring in a bill to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned. Ordered, That Messrs. M'Elfresh, Harding and Montgomery, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Harding, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the purchase of the office papers formerly belonging to the surveyor's office of Montgomery county, passed at December session 1829, chapter 126. Ordered, That Messrs. Harding, Leo and Willson, report the same.

Mr. M'Kinstry presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick and Baltimore counties, praying the passage of an act to authorize the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, to construct a lateral rail road to Westminster, and for other purposes; which was read and referred to Messrs. M'Kinstry, Kemp, Richardson, Ely, Holmes, Worthington and Hunt.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary B. Godwin, of the state of Indiana, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendment was read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned, so far as relates to Harford county; and the bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of the real and personal property in Saint Mary's county, and for other purposes; severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill, entitled, An act to restrain attorneys and solicitors in chancery from entering their appearance to any suit, bill, or action at law or in equity, in the courts of this state, without special authority, endorsed "will pass, with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were severally read the first time and ordered to be printed. Also the bill, entitled, An act authorizing Cornelius A. Howard, guardian of John E. Howard, of the city of Baltimore, to lease certain property therein mentioned; and the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Jackson Beneficial Society of Baltimore, passed at December session 1819, severally endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were severally read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act to authorize the bringing into this state the negro slave therein mentioned; also the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to authorize the governor and council of Maryland to appoint the inspectors of flour of this state, passed at December session 1825, chapter 174; and the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorizing the appointing inspectors and cordors of fire wood brought by water to the city of Baltimore for sale, severally endorsed "will not pass." And the resolution in favour of Joshua Ruth, of Frederick county, endorsed "assented to." Ordered to be engrossed.

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

FRIDAY, January 28, 1831.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in equity cases in Allegany county; the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act empowering and directing the commissioners of Cecil county to build two fire proof offices for the use of the clerks of the county and register of wills for the safe keeping of the records appertaining to their respective offices, in the town of Elkton; the bill, entitled, An act to prevent bullet-playing in and near to Middle Town, in Frederick county; the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the trustees of the Clover Hill School and Meeting House, in Baltimore county; the bill, entitled, An act supplementary to the act, entitled, An act to appoint commissioners to establish the boundary line between Harford and Cecil counties; the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco so far as relates to Prince-George's county; the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the Sasfrasse river, at the place where the public ferry is now kept, from Frederick town, in Cecil county, to George town, in Kent county; and the resolution in favour of Joseph Britton, Joshua Burgess and Robert Willmott, were sent to the senate.

Also the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the Powhatan Manufacturing Company of Maryland; also the bill, entitled, An act to fix the compensation of jurors in Kent county; and the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to insolvent debtors in the city and county of Baltimore, were returned to the senate.

Mr. Merrick presented the petition of Samuel Garden-horn, of Washington county, praying for a modification of the license-law in his behalf; which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Also the petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying for the establishment of a bank in Williamsport; which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

And the petition of sundry citizens of Washington and Frederick counties, praying the commissioners of Washington county may be authorized to open and establish a public road from Barkitsville, in Frederick, to the Harper's Ferry road, in Pleasant Valley, Washington county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Merrick, M'Kinstry and M'Elfresh.

Mr. M'Elfresh presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying the passage of an act to incorporate the Ceresville turnpike road company; which was read and referred to Messrs. M'Elfresh, Kemp and Richardson.

Mr. Kemp presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying the passage of an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the city of Frederick, to Emmitsburgh, and from thence to the Pennsylvania line, and for other purposes; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kemp, M'Kinstry, M'Elfresh and Richardson.

Mr. Moore presented the petition of Dr. Archibald Dorsey, praying that he may be permitted to remove certain negroes out of the state of Maryland which was read and referred to Messrs. Moore, Montgomery, Smith, Claude and Evans.

Mr. Harding presented the petition of Oswald Clements, of Montgomery county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorized to levy a sum of money for his support; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions by county assessment.

Mr. Moffett presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Kent and Queen Anne's counties, praying for the establishment of a bank at the town of Millington, in Kent county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Moffett, Wallis, Brown of Kent, Tilghman and Brown of Queen-Anne's.

And Mr. Nicholas presented the memorial of Nathaniel Potter and others, professors of the University of Maryland; which was read and referred to Messrs. Nicholas, Spence, Montgomery, Claude and Hawkins.

On motion by Mr. Biles, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act empowering the levy court of Cecil county, at their discretion, to levy a sum of money to build a bridge over Octorara creek, in said county, at or near Samuel Rivland's store, passed at December session 1821, chapter 172. Ordered, That Messrs. Biles, Evans and Combs, report the same.

Mr. Nicholas presented the petition of Adolphus Sicard, of the city of Baltimore, praying a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to the standing committee on insolvency.

On motion by Mr. Claude, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, A further supplement to the act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools in Anne-Arundel county. Ordered, That Messrs. Claude, Kent and Stewart, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Smith, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, An act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace of Calvert county, to the trial in certain cases of assaults or assaults and batteries. Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, Reynolds and Dalrymple, report the same.

On motion by Mr. M'Elfresh, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Frederick-Town Savings Institution. Ordered, That Messrs. M'Elfresh, Kemp and M'Kinstry, report the same.

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

SATURDAY, January 29th, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Spence and Mr. Purnell, who had leave of absence.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to provide for the consolidation and distribution of the several school funds; also the bill, entitled, An act altering and changing the name of Stephen Adams to Stephen Henning Adams; also the bill, entitled, An act to abolish the levy court and commissioners of the tax for Calvert county, and for other purposes; also the bill, entitled, An act to divorce Mary North, and her husband, John North, of Dorchester county; also the resolution in favour of John J. Jacobs; and the resolution directing the trustees of the western shore to pay to Henry Harding, the sum of Henry Whelan, the legal heir of Joseph Clewley, the sum of eleven dollars and eleven cents, being the balance due said Joseph Clewley, late a pensioner of the war of Maryland, were sent to the senate.

The bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Western Manufacturing Company, was returned to the senate.

CHANCERY.

19th December, 1830. That a sale made and reported in the case of Legg vs. Trust, and confirmed unless contrary be shown on or before the 10th day of February next, a copy of the report in one of the names in the city of Annapolis, and these accounts were, before the 10th day of February next, supposed to contain two hundred dollars.

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CHANCERY.

10th January, 1831

William Anderson and

others

That a sale made by J. J.

of the sale of certain real

estate in this report, shall be retained

unless cause to the contrary, be

shown before the 10th day of March next, a

copy of this order be delivered three

times in the Maryland Gazette, on

the 10th day of February next. The

sale of the said land shall be had

on the 10th day of February next.

WATERS, Reg. Cur. Can.

Mr. Chapman presented the petition of Samuel Merion, of Baltimore county, praying for the passage of a bill to alter the location of the election districts in Harford county therein mentioned, endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And delivered a bill originated in and passed by the senate, entitled, An act relating to certain books and records in the orphans court of Baltimore county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Nicholas and Ely.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to prevent bullet playing in and near to Middle-town in Frederick county, endorsed "will pass" Ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relates to the division of Frederick county into eleven election districts, and for other purposes, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Also the resolution directing the clerk of the council to advertise that proposals will be received for furnishing stationery for the executive and legislative departments of the government, endorsed "assented to with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and ordered to be engrossed.

And the resolution in favour of Joseph Britton, Joshua Burgess, and Robert Wilmott, officers of the revolutionary war, endorsed "assented to." Ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, January 31st, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on Saturday.

The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise the justices of the levy court of Caroline county, to levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; also the bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of real and personal property, in Montgomery county; also the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Bolton Jackson, of the city of Baltimore; also the bill, entitled, An act to authorise commissioners to divide Prince-George's county into school districts; and the bill, entitled, An act to divorce Elizabeth Rawleigh from her husband, Greenbury L. Hawleigh, of Dorchester county; also the resolution directing the clerk of the senate and house of delegates, to deliver over to the state librarian the manuscript votes and proceedings of the several legislatures of the province and state of Maryland; and the resolution directing the clerk of the council, for the time being, to transmit to the legislature, annually, within the second week of the session, a fair and correct statement of the disbursements and expenditures of the executive department for the previous current year, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Montgomery presented the petition of Michael Sinton, of Harford county, praying the passage of a law authorising him to hold certain real estate; which was read and referred to Messrs. Montgomery, Amos and Moores.

Also the petition of the pastor and trustees of the Baptist church of Harford county, praying the appointment of commissioners to mark and bound certain land deeded in 1760, for the use of said society, and to quiet their title thereto, which was read and referred to Messrs. Montgomery, Waters and Moores.

Mr. Nicholas presented the petition of Jacob Rees, and others, pilots, praying that the law now in existence relative to pilots and pilotage may not be altered or repealed; which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Comegys presented the petition of William D. Mercer, of Cecil county, praying that he may be permitted to bring into this state a certain negro slave therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Comegys, Evans and Brookhart.

Mr. Richardson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Middletown, in Frederick county, praying for a supplement to a law passed at December session 1823, incorporating certain persons therein named, as trustees or visitors of the Middletown school, and for other purposes; which was read and referred to Messrs. Richardson, Kemp and McElfresh.

Mr. Nicholas presented the memorial of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road Company, praying for a subscription to the stock of the said company; which was read and referred to Messrs. Nicholas, Ely, McElfresh, Tilghman and Montgomery.

And Mr. Teackle presented the petition of Mrs. E. Maddux, of Worcester county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorised and directed to grant an allowance for the support of her afflicted son Elzey Maddux, of said county; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to the act for the better regulation of apprentices. Ordered, That Messrs. Merrick, Hunt and Montgomery, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Harding, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to divorce Rebecca Willson and James Willson, passed at December session 1829, chapter 249. Ordered, That Messrs. Harding, Gantt and Hawkins, report the same.

On motion by Mr. McElfresh, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act directing the manner of issuing attachments in this province, and limiting the extent of them. Ordered, That Messrs. McElfresh, Steele, Harding, Richardson and Ely, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Turner, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the compensation of inspecting flour in this state; which was read and referred to the committee on inspections.

On motion by Mr. McElfresh, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, A further supplement to the act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November

session 1830, chapter 110. Ordered, That Messrs. McElfresh, Kemp, Turner, Nicholas and Hood, report the same.

Mr. Lee Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements, delivered the following report:

The committee on internal improvement, who were instructed by an order of the 1st January 1831 to inquire into the expediency of constructing a rail road at the expense of the state, and with the consent of congress, from the city of Baltimore to the city of Washington—the cost of such a road—the time which its completion would require; and the probable amount of revenue which such a work would yield to the state, report—

That they have been materially assisted in this inquiry by the voluntary services of Capt. Wm G. McNeill and Doctor William Howard, topographical engineers of the United States, who were requested by the committee to furnish them with such information on the subject as might be at their command. Both of these gentlemen are distinguished for skill and experience in their profession, and one of them had, on a former occasion, as the agent of the state of Maryland, made an actual survey of the same route, with a view to a canal, then in contemplation, between the two cities of Washington and Baltimore.

The engineers availing themselves of the use of the former survey, as soon as the state of the weather would permit, proceeded to make a reconnaissance of the proposed route of the rail road, and have reported accordingly.

We submit herewith, the communication made by these gentlemen to the committee, accompanied by a map and profile of the projected route, which furnish, very distinctly, and from sources much to be relied upon, nearly all the information required at the hands of the committee, by the order of the house. We think it proper however, so to condense that information as to call the attention of your honourable body to its principal points.

It represents the length of the proposed road to be 34 miles, measuring from a point about six miles from Baltimore, at which it will intersect the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, to a point near the General Post Office at Washington.

The time that will probably be required for its completion it is believed cannot exceed three years, and the cost of the whole is estimated at \$576,182 00.

The above being ascertained, our next inquiry is, what amount of annual revenue will the work probably yield?

Upon this subject the committee have been careful to rely on the information of such persons only, whose knowledge is derived from actual experience in the conveyance of passengers or goods, between Baltimore and the cities of the District of Columbia.

Several of the most respectable stage owners, steamboat agents, and persons concerned in sending and receiving goods by wagons, and also the proprietor of the toll-bridge across the Patapsco, promptly furnished the committee with the requisite information, which is as follows, viz.

Amount of passage money received for stage-coaches, annually	\$100,000
Receipts for passage in steam boats by the route of the Potomac	5,200
Freight in steam boats	20,000

Making the whole annual receipts amount at least to \$125,000

In addition to this, there is a very considerable amount annually received, for carriage in wagons, and passage money in transient coaches, but which cannot be so precisely estimated.

It may be remarked, that the above estimate is derived from persons who cannot easily be deceived, possessing as they do, practical experience upon the subject. And it is also to be observed, that it only states the amount of the present receipts for transportation of goods and passengers, upon the existing avenues of communication. From this, however, it is quite obvious, that if the road should cost the sum of \$576,000 as above estimated, or should even cost 600,000 or \$650,000, the annual income which it would yield, would render it an immensely profitable work.

The committee rely with much confidence on the estimate made by the engineers from their known standing, and also from the advantageous circumstances under which the reconnaissance was made; but that the cost of the road will not exceed the latter sum of \$650,000, the committee have the additional evidence, of proposals having been made by persons of the most perfect responsibility, to accomplish the work for that sum, under the supervision of state commissioners, and under approved security.

Such is the present prospect of profit from the work in question; but there is perhaps no road any where to be found, the increasing profits of which have, year after year, been so rapidly progressive, as that between Baltimore and Washington. Nor is it unreasonable to suppose that the establishment of a rail road, creating an immense reduction in the expense of transportation, and greatly accelerating the progress of goods and passengers, will increase the amount of both, with a rapidity and to an extent, heretofore unknown.

Indeed when the committee consider the advantages of this road, its position between the seat of the general government and a large, populous and flourishing city, its intended connection with the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, itself an immense source of profit, and above all, when they look upon it as the great avenue of communication, between the extensive regions of the north and south, they cannot but believe that it will be a source both of abundant and permanent profit to its proprietors.

The committee therefore recommend that the work shall be undertaken; and are of opinion that the present is a most propitious period for the adoption of the measure.

But one question of great importance, in the order, remains to be answered by the committee.

Is it expedient to make this rail road at the expense of the state?

The majority of the committee after much and mature reflection, are of opinion that that measure is advisable in itself, and preferable to any other which has been suggested upon the subject. The reasons for this opinion are sufficiently obvious. They consist in the belief, that while such a measure would materially cheapen the transportation of goods and passengers, and thereby render essential services to citizens, both of our own and other states; while it would increase the prosperity of our great commercial emporium, advance the interests of agriculture, and bring home its advantages to the manufacturing and labouring classes of our community, it would also ensure a permanent and valuable revenue to the state.

If this should be the case, every system of revenue burthensome to the citizens of the state, unfair in its operation or injurious to the morals of the community, might at once be dispensed with and abolished. Taxes, now unequally imposed, might either be repealed or applied to important objects of general education, and internal improvement.

In addition to the above important considerations, it is proper to state, that the work in question can be made without resort to any taxation whatever, either now or hereafter.

The money which it will require may be easily procured upon the stock of the state at an interest of 10 per centum per annum, and the interest which the work will yield will be at least equal to 10 per centum.

It will be recollected, also, that there will be no occasion to issue the whole of the stock proposed, at any one period; but only in such sums as the progress of the road shall require; so that no considerable sum need be, for any length of time, in the hands of the agents of the state. The work can be conducted under the supervision of commissioners elected for their fidelity and judgment, and bound by sufficient security. The only objection that has been suggested to the state's being the proprietor of public works, within its limits, is founded in the idea that they may be constructed with a stricter economy by corporations. This rule, if true, in any case, is by no means universal; both the officers of the great corporations and the agents of the government are liable to errors of judgment, and the officers entrusted with the money of the state are not less faithful than those of chartered companies. To suppose that they were, would be to ascribe an imbecility to the government, and a want of fidelity to our whole community, which we are not willing to sanction.

The committee having taken these views of the subject submitted to them, beg leave to report the accompanying bill, in conformity therewith.

Signed,  
ARCHIBALD LEE, Chairman.

Mr. Lee also delivered the following report:

The Committee in the investigation of the various questions connected with this Rail Road, deem it due to the parties whose interests are involved in the present turnpike road from Baltimore to Washington, and the bridge across the Patapsco, that a reasonable provision should be made for the proprietors.

Which were severally read.

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

TUESDAY, February 1st, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act for the surrender of the charter of Baltimore college; also the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of Adelaide V. Lowe, of Frederick county, passed at December session 1829, chapter 100; and the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the orphans courts of this state to apportion the expenses incurred in improving real estates in cases of dower in said estates; and the resolution respecting the laws of other states and territories, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Hunt presented the petition of Mary Lyon, of the city of Baltimore, guardian of Ellen, William and George Lyon, praying the passage of an act authorising her to lease certain property therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Nicholas and Holmes.

Also the petition of Benjamin Abbit, and others, of the city of Baltimore, praying the repeal of an act passed at December session 1829, entitled, An act to provide for the counting of staves and hedging; which was read and referred to the committee on inspections.

Mr. Moores presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Havre-de-Grace, counter to the petition of the commissioners of said town, praying to be authorised to build a public wharf; which was read and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Comegys presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying a further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for electing commissioners for Cecil county, and prescribing their powers and duties, passed at December session 1827, chapter 145.

Also the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying that the commissioners of said county may be authorised to levy a sum of money to build a bridge therein mentioned; which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Comegys, Evans and Gale.

Mr. Shaw presented the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying for relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. Ridgely, Reid and McMahon.

Mr. Merrick presented the petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying that the court of appeals for the western shore may be removed to the city of Baltimore; which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Also the petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying that the commissioners of said county may be authorised to build a stone bridge over Antietam creek, at the Antietam iron works; which was read and referred to Messrs. Merrick, Brookhart and Kershner.

Mr. Brookhart presented the petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, in relation to the road from Pleasant Valley in said county, to Burkit's-Ville, in Frederick county; which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Nicholas presented the petition of Archibald Lewis, and others, praying an alteration in the law relative to prohibiting people of colour from carrying guns, and other weapons; which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Waters presented the petition of sundry citizens of this state, praying the passage of a supplement to the law making it penal to fish on a certain day therein specified; which was read and referred to Messrs. Waters, Montgomery, Gantt, Reynolds and Rogerson.

Mr. McElfresh presented the petition of John B. Parell, and others, praying an act of incorporation of The American Institute at Mount St. Mary's; which was read and referred to Messrs. McElfresh, M'Kinstrey and Kemp.

Mr. Shaw presented the petition of Robinson Savage, of Allegany county, praying for relief; which was read and referred to Messrs. Shaw, Ridgely and Reid.

Mr. M'Kinstrey presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, praying for an act of incorporation; which was read and referred to Messrs. M'Kinstrey, Kemp and McElfresh.

Mr. Wallis presented the petition of Frederick Wilson, register of wills for Kent county, praying the passage of an act authorising the orphans court of said county to have transcribed certain records in his office; which was read and referred to Messrs. Wallis, Brown and Piner.

Mr. Ely presented the petition of Charity Alderson, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Rogerson presented the petition of Henry Proctor, of Charles county, praying to be placed on the penal list of said county; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, An act directing in what newspapers publications shall be made of description of trespassing crows. Ordered, That Messrs. Edelen, Teackle and Gale, report the same.

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

**Maryland**  
Thursday, February 1st, 1831.

The snow storm of the 14th and 15th inst., appears from the papers received in office, to have spread over an extensive tract of country, and to have been very destructive of human life. Many instances are given in them, of persons who were struck it having perished. On the coast, the Cape of Virginia to the coast of Massachusetts, it raged with the same violence as it did here, and many vessels were wrecked. The reader will be able to form an idea of the rate at which the storm advanced northward from this place, when he is informed that it commenced here about 4 o'clock on Friday, and Philadelphia about 6 o'clock, and at New York about 10 o'clock of the same night. Several still farther north were not visited until Saturday morning. A writer in the Bedford Mercury, after comparing the tremendous snow storms recorded as having taken place in the winters of 1717 and '86, says "it will probably be the Great Snow Storm of the winter of 1831."

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line. All of which will be put at prices lower than the same has ever been offered here for.  
A few thousand of Huxtable's celebrated Silver eyed NEEDLES, of all Nos, with a good assortment of  
**WHIPS, CANES & SPECTACLES.**  
Grateful for the encouragement afforded him by a generous public, they are assured no exertion shall be wanting in giving satisfaction to those who will please to favour him with their commands.  
**WATCHES**  
Of every description carefully repaired, and every means used to insure their keeping time.  
WILLIAM M'PARRLIN.  
Dec. 23

**SOURCE OF HENRY GIVES.**  
WHAT the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans court of Anne Arundel county short letters testamentary on the personal estate of Mr. George Wells, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate, are desired to present them, properly authenticated, and those who are indebted are requested to make payment.  
AUGUSTA WELLS, Ex'r.  
Jan. 13 1831. 5w

**FOR SALE OR RENT.**  
THIS large and commodious Brick Dwelling House, in the city of Annapolis, belonging to C. Birnie, Esq. and lately occupied by Col John Dono. Possession to be given immediately. For terms apply to the subscriber, living in Annapolis.  
HENRY MAYNADIER.  
Jan. 13 1831. 5w

**PUBLIC SALE.**  
By virtue of an order of the Orphans Court of Anne Arundel county, the subscriber will offer at public sale, at the late residence of Richard Read, deceased, near Mount Pleasant ferry, on Tuesday the 18th February next, all  
**THE PERSONAL ESTATE**  
of said deceased, consisting of five young negroes, slaves for life, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, household furniture, plantation utensils, &c.  
Terms of sale, a credit of six months for all sums of ten dollars upwards, the purchaser giving bond, with security, with interest from the date, under ten dollars, the cash to be paid. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock A. M.  
JOHN CLAYTON, Adm'r.  
Jan. 27 1831.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE.**  
BY virtue of a Decree of the High Court of Chancery of Maryland, the undersigned, as Trustee, will offer at Public Sale at the premises on Monday, the 14th day of February, 1831, at eleven o'clock, A. M.  
All that part of a tract of land called Hanover, situate in Anne Arundel county, fronting and binding on Elk Ridge street, at Elk Ridge landing, and containing three acres of land, more or less, which was conveyed in fee simple by John Fairbank, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, to Cross & White, by indenture of Mortgage dated 23d October, 1824.  
The terms of sale, as prescribed by the Decree, are cash on the day of sale.  
T. PALKIN SCOTT, Trustee,  
St. Paul's Tavern  
Baltimore, 11th Jan. 1830.

**NOVA-SCOTIA POTATOES**  
OF a superior kind, just received, and for sale by  
A. & J. MILLER.  
Jan. 13

**IN CHANCERY,**  
10th January 1831.  
Thomas Ayres vs. Thomas Lytle and others.  
THE objects of the bill filed in this case are to vacate a decree to vacate certain bills of sale and conveyances of certain property in said bill specified, from Thomas Lytle, senior, deceased, to Thomas Lytle, junior, on the ground of fraud and want of consideration, and to make the property in said bills of sale and conveyances mentioned accountable to the said Thomas Ayres for the payment of a certain judgment which the said Ayres had against the said Thomas Lytle, senior, before his death, and before the said conveyances. The judgment was recovered in Baltimore county court, and the said property conveyed, consisted of the personal property of the said Thomas Lytle, senior, and a tract of land, or a claim to a tract of land. The bill, with an amendment of the same, and certain subsequent proceedings of revivor, show that Nathan Lytle, Thomas Lytle, and William B. Lytle, are necessary parties to said bill, and petition lately filed in this case show that they reside beyond the jurisdiction of the court. Whereupon it is on this tenth day of January 1831, adjudged and ordered, that the complainant, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in each of three newspapers published in one of the newspapers printed in Annapolis, before the 10th day of February next, give notice to the said absent defendants of the substance and subject of said bill, that they may be warned to appear in this court in person, or by solicitor, on or before the 20th day of May next, to answer and shew, if any, why a decree should not pass as prayed.  
The copy, Test.  
RANSAY WATERS, Esq. Sec. Can.  
Jan. 20.

**C. HAYDEN, DENTIST.**  
RESPECTFULLY offers his professional services to the citizens of Annapolis, and its vicinity, for a short time. He is at Mrs. Robinson's.  
Jan. 27.

**LAST NOTICE.**  
ALL persons indebted to the estate of George A. Shaw, deceased, are requested to make payment on or before the 1st day of March next, as suits will positively be instituted against all persons indebted, who neglect this notice.  
John M. Robinson, } Ex'r.  
Wm. Brown of Ben. }  
Jan. 20. 1831.

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JOHN DERBY.  
Jan. 27

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By order,  
R. J. COWMAN, clk.  
Jan. 20.

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, to wit.**  
I HEREBY certify, that William Legg, of said county, brought before me a stray, trespassing on his enclosure, a dark Bay Mare, about eight years old, American bands high, a star on her forehead, shod before, switch tail, paces, trots and canter, and has been worked in girth. Given under my hand, one of the justices of the peace in and for said county, this 1st day of February 1831.  
CALEB WHITE.  
The owner of the said property is requested to come and prove the same, pay charges, and take him away.  
WILLIAM LEGG, White Hall,  
Feb. 1. 1831.

**A FARM FOR SALE.**  
THE subscriber will offer at Public Auction, at Prince Fredericktown, in Calvert county, at 12 o'clock, on the (second Tuesday,) 8th March, 1831, that beautiful FARM, supposed to contain about 100 acres situated near Huntingdon, and known by the name of the "Pea Hen's Nest," the late residence of John Norfolk, Esq.  
The improvements consist of a dwelling House, Barn, and other necessary out houses; on this Farm there is an excellent Orchard of various and choice Fruits. The soil is good, and well adapted to the growth of Corn and Tobacco.  
**TERMS OF SALE.**  
One third cash, balance in two equal payments of one and two years, to be secured by bond to be approved by the Subscriber. For information relative to the above property, inquire of the Subscriber.  
J. J. BROOKE,  
St. Leonard's, Calvert County.  
Feb. 5

**CHANCERY LAW.**  
WM. & JOSEPH NEAL—BOOKSELLERS.  
No 174 Market Street, Baltimore.  
AGENTS for the publishers, will receive subscriptions for the edition of the English CHANCERY REPORTS, now publishing in Philadelphia.  
The plan will embrace, in a consecutive series, such of the recent Chancery Reports of England as have not heretofore published in the United States. The plan of the work will be similar to the condensed Reports of cases decided in the Supreme Court of the United States. It will be edited by Richard Peters, Esq. Reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court.  
The first volume will contain the Reports of Simon and Stuart, and 2d Russel, and will be issued early in the spring.  
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The price to subscribers will be \$5 per vol. handsomely bound in calfs to non subscribers, \$5.50.  
Gentlemen at a distance desirous of subscribing, can have their names entered, and the work sent to them when issued, by addressing us by post.  
Belwyn's NISI PRIUS, 2 volumes with notes by Wheaton, and additional notes by Thomas J. Wharton, Esq. a new edition. Just received and for sale as above.  
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Feb. 3 4w

**PUBLIC NOTICE.**  
I shall proceed to sell the following tracts of land at the court house door at Annapolis, on Wednesday the 14th day of March, at 12 o'clock, to wit:  
Names of Owners. Amount of Tax. Names of Owners. Amount of Tax.  
Burgess, Ruth. Burgess's Forest. \$2 20  
Burgess, Richard. Name unknown. 1 41  
Barrett, Joseph A. House and Lot in Annapolis. 2 64  
Court's Joseph heirs. Gowry Banks. 3 08  
Cork, William. Swamp. 3 07  
Cobb, William of Wm's heirs. Name unknown. 1 76  
Chaney, Jesse. Part of Littleton Chaney's Purchase and Nalley's Park. 4 97  
Dowell William. Pig Point. 47  
Gill, Louis. Whortleberry Island. 2 86  
Hammond, Mathias' heirs. Hammond's Enclosure, Part of Finland, Part of Hammond's Range and Hammond's Plains. 48 21  
Hammond, George W. Part of Sarah's Fore-Part of Hammond's 4, 5 and 6 Connexion. 21 76  
Wood, Joseph. Part of Finland. 33  
Hapton, Jesse's heirs. Two Lots in Lisbon. 68  
Johnson Thomas's heirs. Bear Neck. 43  
Jones, Isaac. Part of Whortleberry Forest. 1 32  
Lucas, Ruth. Davidson's Reserve. 1 76  
Murdock, Gilbert's heirs. Part of Holland's Choice. 51  
Marriott, Caleb. House and Lot in Annapolis. 1 76  
Mason, William T. Part of Duvall's Delight. 3 50  
Morgan, Thomas. House and Lot in Annapolis. 4 07  
Plummer, James. Part of Plummer's Pasture. 3 46  
Phelps, Matthew. Part of Portland Manor. 6 09  
Pennington, Le-Part of Mount Ville. 64  
Phelps, John. Part of Fitzsimon's Gift. 71  
Robinson, John. Part of Howard's Pasture Range. 12 40  
Rummells Stephen. George's Luck. 1 24  
Smith, Capt. Wil- House and Lot in Annapolis. 5 51  
liam. Pig Point. 47  
Stephens, Wil- Pig Point. 1 28  
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Stevens, Elisha. Gowry Banks. 1 54  
Stevens, Benjamin. Two lots in Lisbon. 60  
Shipley, George's heirs. Part of Shipley's Ad-venture. 3 32  
Urin, James. Name unknown. 1 76  
Waters, Aquilla. Waters' Lot. 1 57  
Waters, Edward. Part of Hammond's Gift. 76  
Feb. 3. ANTHONY SMITH.

**NOTICE.**  
ANY person who may have borrowed from the late James Shaw a copy of Rapin's History of England, will oblige the subscriber to whom it belongs, by leaving it with Somersville Pinkney at the city of Annapolis.  
ALLEN THOMAS.

**TAKEN UP ABSENT.**  
ON the 16th January last, at the premises of the Subscriber, Two steers, FRANKS Oak Thunders, Square shoulders, left two inches, 18 20 feet long. The owner is requested to come forward, pay charges, and take them away.  
BENJAMIN TONGOOD,  
Living on Fishing Creek, near Annapolis.  
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**A BAR ROOM SCENE.**  
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RESPECTFULLY informs his friends, and the public generally, that he has opened a Book Store in the room adjoining the Post Office, in Church street, where he offers Books on as reasonable terms as they can be purchased in Baltimore, among which are the following: Ray's Political Economy; Chalmers's Works; Burns's Works; Carey's Miscellanea; Mrs. Carey's Letters; Arts of Life; Day's Consolations; Watts's Works; Campbell's Poems; Sturges's Poems; Bennett's Letters; American Chamberfield; Don Quixote, in 4 vols.; Boswell's Life of Johnson in 5 vols.; Captain Hall's Travels in America; Galt's Life of Byron; Nursery Rhymes; Cobwebbs; Western Songs; Form Book; Blair's Sermons, in 3 vols.; Christian Offices; Companion for the Aged; Pilgrim's Progress; Episcopal Manual; Rise and Progress; History of the Reformation; M'Evoy on Typha; American Constitution; Scientific Dialogues 3 vols.; Life of Washington; Esop's Fables; Lady's Lexicon; Gentlemen's Lexicon; Bunk's Theological Dictionary; Walker's Dictionary; Ainsworth's Latin Dictionary; Cicero Delphini; Virgil Delphini; Horace Delphini; Sallust Delphini; Green's Mithras; Drama Majors, in 3 vols.; Smart's Clergo; Mair's Syntax; Clarke's Homer; Days Algebra; Playfair's Geometry; Simpson's Algebra; Lebrun's Trigonometry; Greek Testament; Valpy's Greek Grammar; Blair's Lectures; Play's Book-keeping; Whaley's Compendium; M'Intyre on the Globes; Tooke's Pambolus; Goldsmith's Rome; Goldsmith's Greece; Grimshaw's England; Grimshaw's Rome; Tyler's History; Murray's Sequel; Murray's Reader; Scott's Lessons; Lacy's Receipts; Morse's Geography & Atlas; Adams's Geography & Atlas; Smiley's Geography and Atlas; Smiley's Arithmetic; Pike's Arithmetic; Stoughton's Church Music.

THE LIFE OF BISHOP HEBER,

BY HIS WIDOW. In Two Volumes. Dec 16.

WILLIAM BRYAN, MERCHANT TAILOR

Has just received a large and very handsome assortment of CLOTHS, Cassimeres and Vestings, Of Various Qualities and Colours, Which he invites his friends and the public to call and examine for their satisfaction; he will make them up at the shortest notice and most approved styles to suit Customers.

REMOVAL

He will also inform his friends and the public, that he has moved from his former stand to the house formerly occupied by Mr. Charles Munroe, as a store, nearly opposite Gibson White, Esq. where he may be found at any time. Dec 30.

FRESH WINTER GOODS. GEORGE M'NEIR, MERCHANT TAILOR

Has just returned from Philadelphia and Baltimore, with a LARGE STOCK OF GOODS, in his line, consisting of some of the handsomest Patent Finished Cloth, Of various qualities and colours, with an assortment of CASSIMERES & VESTINGS suitable to the season, which he respectfully invites his friends to call and examine. All of which he will make up at the shortest notice, and in the most FASHIONABLE STYLE, low for cash, or to punctual men only. Dec 30.

THE distribution of Jesse Leitch, late of Anne Arundel county deceased, are hereby notified, that a final account on the personal estate of the said deceased, has been passed by the Orphan's Court, and they are requested to call on the underscriber, and receive their respective proportions of said estate. THOMAS J. HALL, Dec 30.

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Legislature of Maryland.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

WEDNESDAY, February 2d, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish pilots, and regulate their fees; and the resolution relative to the Cumberland road, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following message, which was read and assented to.

By the House of Delegates, February 2d, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate, Since our message of the 24th ultimo, proposing to close the session on the fifth instant, much business, previously withheld in the country, has been brought before us; we are therefore of opinion that a few days more of the session are necessary to the satisfaction of our constituents, and we propose, with your concurrence, to adjourn sine die.

Mr. Kerchner presented the petition of Maria Antoinette Ringgold, of Washington county, praying the passage of an act appointing trustees, with power to sell and convey certain real estate therein mentioned, which was read and referred to Messrs. Kerchner, Brookhart and Merrick.

Mr. Wright presented the petition of Henry Davis, and Caroline M. Davis, of the city of Baltimore, praying a law may pass to divorce them a vinculo matrimonii.

Mr. Hunt presented the petition of Ann Matthews, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce, which was severally read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Hunt presented the memorial of C. A. Knauthaus and others, of the city of Baltimore, praying the passage of an act to limit the dimensions of hogheads of tobacco as provided for in the act of assembly, passed at November session, 1801; which was read and referred to the committee on inspections.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act altering and changing the name of Stephen Adams to Stephen Henning Adams; also the bill, entitled, An act to abolish the levy court and to provide for the election by the people, of commissioners for Talbot county, and prescribing their powers and duties, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco so far as relates to Prince-George's county; endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were severally read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Also the act to divorce Mary North, of Dorchester county, endorsed "will not pass;" also a resolution in favour of Elizabeth J. Waters, widow of Richard Waters, a captain during the revolutionary war; endorsed "assented to." Ordered to be engrossed.

And delivered a bill, originated in and passed by the senate, entitled, An act for the benefit of Milo Mason, of the army of the United States; which was read and referred to Messrs. Duval, Kemp and Keene.

Mr. Merrick, from the committee on grievances and courts of justice, made a favourable report, upon the bill from the senate, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to regulate the removal of proceedings, in criminal cases, and to make certain changes in the constitution and form of government, for that purpose.

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

THURSDAY, February 3d, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

On motion by Mr. Duval, the rule of the house requiring the journal of proceedings of the preceding day to be read, was suspended, and the reading of said journal was dispensed with.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorize the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road company to construct a lateral rail road to Westminster, and for other purposes; and the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Fredericktown Savings Institution, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Richardson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying that the levy court of said county may be authorized to levy a sum of money sufficient for the relief of the indigent and distressed foreigners now in that county.

Also the petition of sundry citizens of Middletown in Frederick county, counter to the petition of sundry other citizens of said town, for electing the trustees or visitors of Middletown school annually, and praying for an increased number of the visitors, to be made according to the provisions of the existing law relating to said school, &c.

And the petition of sundry citizens of Middletown, in Frederick county, praying a supplement to a law passed at December session 1825, chapter 62, making valid the acts of the commissioners therein named, and for other purposes, which were severally read and referred to Messrs. Richardson, McElfresh and Kemp.

Mr. Holmes presented the petition of Susanna Holmes, of Baltimore county, praying for a divorce.

And Mr. Ely presented the petition of Andrew Stain, of Baltimore county, praying for a divorce; which were severally read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Brookhart presented the petition of sundry citizens of Hagerstown, praying an intervention in the mode of voting for commissioners, so as to entitle all free white male citizens to vote, which was read and referred to Messrs. Brookhart, Merrick and Kerchner.

Mr. M. Kinstry presented the petition of Robert Hatten, and others, citizens of Frederick county, praying for a removal of certain grievances therein mentioned, which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Montgomery presented the petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying the passage of an act authorizing the commissioners of Harford and Baltimore counties to levy a sum of money sufficient to build a bridge over the Little Gunpowder Falls, at or near Rock Ferry, which

was read and referred to Messrs. Montgomery, Holmes, Wootton, Ansell and Moore.

And Mr. Mitchell presented the petition of the heirs of Robert J. Henry, praying a law may pass authorizing them to purchase real estate, which was read and referred to Messrs. Mitchell, Parker and Hicks.

On motion by Mr. McMahon, Ordered, That this house during the remainder of the session, shall meet at 9 o'clock, A. M. for the despatch of public business.

Mr. Tighman from the committee on ways and means, delivered the following report.

The committee on ways and means having duly considered the order of this house, instructing them "to inquire into the expediency of reducing the price of the license on billiard tables, to fifty dollars per year, excepting on such tables as are kept within any one of the cities of this state, or within the precincts or suburbs thereof;" are of opinion that no sound reasons exist for such a reduction; they therefore beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

By order, Isaac Hines, Clk.

Which was twice read and concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Ely, leave of absence was granted Mr. Turner for a few days.

Mr. Leo, from the committee on internal improvement, reported a bill, entitled, An act authorizing the commissioners of the town of Havre-de-Grace, in Harford county, to build a wharf in the river Susquehanna, at the termination of St. Clair street, otherwise known by the name of Brown's point, in said town.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 4, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Mr. Teackle submitted the following order; which was read and adopted: Ordered, That Henry Colter be appointed to act as sergeant-at-arms to this house, during the absence of Godeb. I. Grammer.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Stewart presented the petition of Launcelot Gamble, of Baltimore city, praying for the passage of an act to make valid and authorize the recording in the records of Anne-Arundel county court, the bill of sale therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stewart, Nicholas and Hood.

Mr. Wallis presented the petition of Joseph N. Gordon, clerk of Kent county court, and Frederick Wilson, register of wills of said county, praying the passage of an act authorizing the levy court of said county, to levy a sum of money for the purpose of enlarging and repairing their respective offices, in said county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Wallis, Brown and Piner.

Mr. Biles presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying that the privilege of establishing a library in a certain village therein named, may be granted them; which was read and referred to Messrs. Biles, Comogys and Gale.

And Mr. Wootton presented the petition of sundry citizens of this state, and the district of Columbia, praying for the erection of a warehouse, for the inspection of tobacco, at Duff's point, in Prince-George's county; which was read and referred to Messrs. Wootton, Gant and Duval.

Mr. Teackle submitted the following resolution: Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and hereby is, directed, to pay to the trustees of Abington Academy, in Harford county, or to their order, the sum of three hundred dollars on the first Monday of October annually, as a donation to said academy; Provided, That the said trustees shall previously have conveyed and secured to the state, for the use of the said school, the entire estate and effects of the institution, derived under the act of December session 1829, chapter 37, or otherwise, and, in that event, one hundred dollars, out of the said donation, to be applied towards the extinguishment of the debts due on account of the corporation, and for the completion of the buildings, and the purchase of the necessary furniture and implements.

Which was read.

Mr. Merrick, chairman of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, delivered the following report: The committee of grievances and courts of justice, which was ordered to inquire whether Henry Wayman ought not to be relieved from a judgment of the state of Maryland, against him as surety for Thomas H. Bowie, have the honor to report, That direct and unequivocal testimony has been laid before them, which is herewith submitted, proving that the records of the chancery court were regularly and fully made up for the whole term for which the said Henry Wayman was answerable as one of the sureties of Thomas H. Bowie, late register of the court of chancery, and that the record books were delivered over to his successor in office. Wherefore they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Henry Wayman, of Anne-Arundel county, be, and he is hereby forever released and exonerated from all liability to the state as surety for Thomas H. Bowie, late register of the court of chancery.

By order, G. A. Farquhar, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Smith from the select committee, delivered the following reports: The committee to whom was referred the leave to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Calvert county, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—That they conceive it inexpedient at this time to legislate upon the subject.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to authorize the recording of the will of Christina Wyandt, late of Washington county. Also

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned; severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill, entitled, An act to divorce Elizabeth Raleigh from her husband Greenbury H. Raleigh, of Dorchester county, endorsed "will not pass."

Also a resolution directing the governor and council to furnish copies of bills to the moderator and commissioners of Harford county, which was read, "disputed." And referred to the Little Gunpowder Falls, at or near Rock Ferry, which

was read and referred to Messrs. Montgomery, Holmes, Wootton, Ansell and Moore.

Also communications from John D. Ottinson, Esq. president of the Baltimore and Harford Turnpike Company, and John Book, Esq. president of the Baltimore and Harford Turnpike Company, enclosing abstracts of the accounts of said companies, in the prosecution of their works, in conformity to directions in acts of assembly, severally endorsed, "referred to the consideration of the house of Delegates."

The clerk of the senate delivered the following message: By the Senate, February 4, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, The senate have received your message of the 2d inst. relating to the election of a senator, to represent this state in the congress of the United States, and respectfully decline acceding thereto.

By order, L. Gamway, Clk.

Which was read.

The bill from the senate, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to regulate the removal of proceedings in criminal cases, and to make certain changes in the constitution and form of government for that purpose, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and rejected.

Mr. Hieklstone submitted the following message, which was read: By the House of Delegates, February 4, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate, We have received your message this morning declining to go into the election of a senator to represent this state in the congress of the United States.

Feeling it a duty which we owe to our constituents, and to the state, that the vacancy which will occur on the third day of March next, should be filled by us during the present session; and the legislature having determined to adjourn on Saturday the 12th inst. we therefore most respectfully invite your honourable body to fix some day previous to the day of the contemplated adjournment, on which to go into the election, as any day that may be convenient to your honourable body, will suit the convenience of this house.

By order, G. B. Brewer, Clk.

Mr. Ely moved to lay the message on the table? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, Will the house adopt the message? Resolved in the affirmative, and the message was sent to the senate.

Mr. Teackle submitted the following message, which was read, assented to; and sent to the senate: By the House of Delegates, February 4, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate, We propose, with your concurrence, to invite his excellency the governor, to attend in the senate chamber on Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, to sign and seal the laws passed at the present session.

We have appointed, on the part of this house, Messrs. Teackle and Hawkins, to join the gentlemen who may be named on the part of your honourable body.

By order, G. C. Brewer, Clk.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following order; which was twice read and adopted.

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the members of the legislature, under the direction of the committee on internal improvement, three hundred copies of the reports of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road companies made in answer to inquiries of the committee on internal improvement, concerning the relative expense, benefits and facilities of constructing railroads and canals with a view of ascertaining to which of those means the funds of this state, (so far as they may hereafter be appropriated to such works of internal improvement,) can be most judiciously applied, both as regards the revenue to the state, and the advantages to be derived to the citizens generally, or such parts of said reports as the said committee may deem important and interesting to the community.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, Feb. 5th, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Brookhart presented the petition of Christian Stonebraker, of Washington county, praying to be permitted to bring into this state, a certain negro slave therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Brookhart, M. Kinstry and Harding.

Mr. Merrick presented the memorial of John Hancock, trustee of Joseph Fogle, of Nelson county, Kentucky, praying the passage of a law, to authorize William Fischer of Frederick county, to pay into his hands certain moneys belonging to the said Joseph Fogle; which was read and referred to Messrs. Merrick, M. Kinstry and Kemp.

Mr. Dalrymple presented the petition of Elizabeth Dawkins, of Calvert county, the widow of a revolutionary soldier, praying to be placed on the pension list; which was read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to authorize the construction of a rail road from a point on the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, to the line of the District of Columbia, in a direction towards the city of Washington. Ordered, That Messrs. Nicholas, Duval and Willson, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Biles, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company under the name of the Nottingham Library company, passed at December session 1815, chapter 144. Ordered, That Messrs. Biles, Gale and Comogys, report the same.

The house adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

COLLECTOR'S SALE. Public Sale, on Thursday the 12th inst. at 12 o'clock, M. the farm belonging to the late Henderson, near the head of South River, in Annapolis county, where negro woman remain. Seized and taken for the county by the said Henderson Magruder, for 1829, collectable in the year 1830. ABNER LINTHICUM Jr. Collector & A. C.

PUBLIC NOTICE. In order from the commissioners of the county of Annapolis, to sell the following tract of the county house lot at Annapolis, on Wednesday the 10th of March, at 12 o'clock, to wit: the lot A. A. county for 1827 and '28.

Table with columns: Name, Land, Amount of Tax. Includes entries for Richard Name unknown, Joseph A. Govey Banks, William of Swamp, etc.

NOTICE. Any person who may have borrowed from the late James Shaw a copy of Rapin's History of England, will oblige the subscriber by returning it to him, by leaving it with Somers-Parkney of the city of Annapolis. ALLEN THOMAS.

TAKEN UP ADRIPT. On the 12th January last, on the premises of the Subscriber, Two stacks of White Oak Timber, about one foot ten inches, 18 or 20 feet long. The owner is requested to come forward, charges, and take them away. BENJAMIN THURGOOD, living on Fishing Creek, near Annapolis.

PUBLIC SALE. In order of the Orphans Court of Anne-Arundel county, the subscriber offers at public sale, at the late residence of the said deceased, near Mount Pleasant, on Monday the 15th February next, the personal estate of the said deceased, consisting of any young negro slaves for life, horses, cattle, sheep, household furniture, plantation, manna, &c. &c. A credit of six months for the purchase money, with security, which interest runs under ten dollars, the law to be paid, &c. JOHN CLAYTON, Adm'r.

MONDAY, February 5, 1831.

The proceedings of the Senate... The bill, entitled, An act to amend the act... The bill, entitled, An act to amend the act... The bill, entitled, An act to amend the act...

Mr. M'Elfresh presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, adverse to the division of Middletown district in said county.

Also the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying a confirmation of the law of last session, for the division of Middletown district; which were read and severally referred to Messrs. M'Elfresh, Richardson, Kemp and M'Kinstry.

And the petition of Ezra Slicer, and others, of Frederick county, counter to the petition of sundry citizens of Burkittsville, praying for a road therein mentioned; which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Montgomery presented the petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying the passage of an act directing the commissioners of said county to levy a sum of money sufficient to open and make a road from Water's meeting house, on Thomas' run, to the public road leading from Baltimore to Conowingo bridge, over the Susquehanna river, and for other purposes; which was read and referred to Messrs. Montgomery, Moores and Evans.

Mr. Kemp presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick and Baltimore counties, praying for the passage of a law to open a road from Frederick Bachman's mill, in Frederick county, to the Baltimore and Reister's-town turnpike road, at or near the thirty first mile stone on said road; which was read and referred to Messrs. Kemp, M'Elfresh, Ely and Worthington.

Also the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, counter to the petition of sundry citizens praying the passage of an act incorporating the Ceresville turnpike road company; which was read and referred to Messrs. M'Elfresh, Kemp and Richardson.

Mr. Evans presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying for the repeal of a law authorising the governor and council to appoint a lumber inspector for the village of Ark-Haven, in said county, passed at December session 1829, chapter 141; which was read and referred to the committee on inspections.

Mr. Willson presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery and Anne-Arundel counties, praying for a road therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Willson, Harding, Gittinge, Hood and Stewart.

Mr. Biles presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying that the privilege of establishing a library in a certain village therein named may be granted them; which was read and referred to Messrs. Biles, Comegys and Dale.

Mr. Hunt presented a report from the trustees of the University of Maryland, which was read and referred to the consideration of the senate.

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, An additional act relating to the city of Baltimore. Ordered, That Messrs. Nicholas, Hunt and Ely, report the same.

On motion by Mr. M'Elfresh, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for founding a college in the city of Frederick, by the name of Frederick College. Ordered, That Messrs. M'Elfresh, Kemp and M'Kinstry, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, leave was given to bring in a bill, to be entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Princess-Anne in Somerset county. Ordered, That Messrs. Teackle, Ballard and Bell, report the same.

The speaker laid before the house a report of the justices of the orphan court of Prince-George's county, relative to the school fund of said county; which was read and referred to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Teackle. Ordered, That the executive be requested to inform this house of the number of the acts of the present session which will be necessary to supply the requisitions of existing laws and regulations, as nearly as may be practicable.

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, the bill reported by him in compliance with the order of the house, to be entitled, An act to provide for making a road from Baltimore to the city of Washington, was made the order of the day for the day.

Tuesday. The clerk delivered a communication from the executive; which was read and referred to the joint committee on the library, and is as follows: Executive Department, Annapolis, February 7, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, In compliance with your order of the 26th inst., respecting the number of acts of the present session which will be necessary to supply the requisitions of existing laws and regulations, as nearly as may be practicable, I have the honor to inform you that the number of such acts is as follows: 1. An act to amend the act...

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With the highest consideration, We have the honour to remain, Your obedient servants, DANIEL MARTIN.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the commissioners of Cecil county to build a bridge and open a road in said county; also the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the building of a bridge over the Patuxent river, at the place called the Fork of Patuxent; also the bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of real and personal property in Montgomery county; also the bill, entitled, An act further to provide for the payment of future instalments of the state's subscription for stock of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, and Chesapeake and Ohio canal companies, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Clark, late collector of the tax for Calvert county; also the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the American Institute at Mount Saint-Mary's; also the bill, entitled, An act authorising the commissioners of the town of Havre-de-Grace, in Harford county, to build a wharf in the river Susquehanna, at the termination of St. Clair street, otherwise known by the name of Brown's Point, in said town; and the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road company to construct a lateral rail road to Westminster, and for other purposes; severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments" which amendments were severally read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill, entitled, An act to authorise William D. Mercer, of Cecil county, to remove the negro slave therein mentioned into this state; and the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the consolidation and distribution of the several school funds; severally endorsed "will not pass." And delivered the following message: By the Senate, February 5, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates, The senate have rejected, and now returns the bill entitled, An act to provide for the consolidation and distribution of the several school funds. As the bill appropriates and distributes funds in the treasury, the senate has no constitutional power to amend it; and as its provisions present insuperable objections to the passage of the bill in its present form, the senate is constrained to reject it, altho' approving highly of the general object. By the act passed at December session 1825, chapter 162, section 26, the state has expressly declared and pledged herself, that all the funds hereafter to be assigned and appropriated for the support and maintenance of public instruction, as relating to primary schools, shall be apportioned and distributed among the several counties of this state, and to the city of Baltimore, according to the ratio of the white population, as ascertained by the last preceding census of the United States. And this enactment the senate feels unwilling to disturb.

By order, Louis Gasaway, Clk.

Which was read, The bill, entitled, An act to authorise and require the levy court of Kent county to levy a sum of money for the enlargement and repair of the offices of clerk of the county and register of wills;

The bill, entitled, An act to confirm a deed of manumission therein mentioned;

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the children of Robert J. Henry, late of Worcester county, deceased;

The bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to provide for the purchase of the office papers formerly belonging to the surveyor's office of Montgomery county, passed at December session 1829, chapter 126;

The bill, entitled, An act appointing commissioners to mark and bound the lot on which the house for public worship of the Baptist Society of Harford county stands, and to vest the title to said land in the trustees of said society;

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of M. A. Ringgold, and children;

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Ann Matthews, of the city of Baltimore;

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Peter Johnson, of the city of Baltimore;

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise Mary Ann Cockey, wife of Thomas B. Cockey, of Baltimore county, to devise her real estate;

The bill, entitled, An act relating to a public road in Montgomery county;

The bill, entitled, An act to confirm the sale and make valid the deed of conveyance from the trustees of the poor of Harford county of the Alma House and lands thereto belonging, in said county, to the purchaser; were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of Adelaide V. Lowe, of Frederick county, passed at December session 1823, chapter 109; also the bill, entitled, An act for the surrender of the charter of Baltimore College; also the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Susanna Reeder, of Saint Mary's county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And the bill, entitled, An act supplementary to the act passed at December session 1824, chapter 162, empowering the levy court of Harford county, in their discretion, to build a bridge over Deer Creek, in said county, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments" which amendment was read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Also the resolutions in favour of Henry W. Shane, Benjamin Smith, and William Ridgely, severally endorsed "assented to." Ordered to be engrossed. And delivered a bill originated in, and passed by the senate, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments; which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice; also a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the dispatch of business in Baltimore county courts; which was read and referred to Messrs. Nicholas, Ely and Worthington.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 8th, 1831. The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill, entitled, An act directing the managers of advertising, freighting, and carrying, also the bill, entitled, An act to amend the act and make valid the deed of conveyance...

from the trustees of the poor of Harford county, to build a bridge and open a road in said county; also the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the building of a bridge over the Patuxent river, at the place called the Fork of Patuxent; also the bill, entitled, An act for the revaluation of real and personal property in Montgomery county; also the bill, entitled, An act further to provide for the payment of future instalments of the state's subscription for stock of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, and Chesapeake and Ohio canal companies, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Clark, late collector of the tax for Calvert county; also the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the American Institute at Mount Saint-Mary's; also the bill, entitled, An act authorising the commissioners of the town of Havre-de-Grace, in Harford county, to build a wharf in the river Susquehanna, at the termination of St. Clair street, otherwise known by the name of Brown's Point, in said town; and the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road company to construct a lateral rail road to Westminster, and for other purposes; severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments" which amendments were severally read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill, entitled, An act to authorise William D. Mercer, of Cecil county, to remove the negro slave therein mentioned into this state; and the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the consolidation and distribution of the several school funds; severally endorsed "will not pass." And delivered the following message: By the Senate, February 5, 1831.

Mr. Ely presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying that an act may be passed incorporating the trustees of a school therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Biles, Comegys and Evans.

Mr. Wallis presented the petition of James Alfred Pearce, of Kent county, to remove certain negroes therein mentioned, from the state of Louisiana to this state; which was read and referred to Messrs. Wallis, Brown of Kent, and Ziner.

Mr. Hunt presented the memorial of a number of stock-owners of the Phoenix Shot Tower Company of Baltimore, praying an additional amendment to the original charter, so that none other than real and bona fide stock owners shall be admitted to vote for directors of said company; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Nicholas and Turner.

Also, the petition of Standish Barry, late sheriff of Baltimore county, praying the passage of an act authorising the treasurer of the western shore to pass to his credit a certain sum of money therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Ely and Holmes.

Mr. Wootton presented the petition of Nicholas Snowden, of Prince-George's county, praying that authority may be given to the court of appeals to review the decision therein mentioned; which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Holmes presented the petition of Mark Millar, a foreigner, praying that he may be naturalized, or be enabled to hold real estate; which was read and referred to Messrs. Holmes, Chapman and Nicholas.

And Mr. Hunt presented the petition of the Franklin Turnpike Road Company, praying for a supplement to their act of incorporation; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Holmes and Worthington.

Mr. Kent presented a report of the commissioners of primary schools for Anne-Arundel county.

The speaker also laid before the house a report of the trustees of Washington Academy in Somerset county; which were severally read and referred to the committee on education.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the speedy decision of the controversies existing between the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, and the Baltimore and Ohio rail road company. Ordered, That Messrs. Merrick, Brawner, Nicholas, Wilson, M'Elfresh, Blakistone and Mackall, prepare and report the same.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the commissioners of Cecil county to levy a sum of money, and rebuild a bridge over Big Elk creek in the village of Elkton, on the road leading past the site of the old market house towards Warwick in said county. Also the bill, entitled, An act to alter and repeal so much of the tenth section of an act passed at December session 1829, chapter 87, as prohibits the use of oyster tongs with more than six teeth, so far as relates to the eastern shore; also the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act to divorce Rebecca Wilson and James Wilson, passed at December session 1829, chapter 229; severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill, entitled, An act to prevent gaming; also the bill, entitled, An act to authorise Mary Lyon to lease the real estate of her infant children; also the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the commissioners of Washington county to levy a sum of money for the erection of a bridge over Antietam creek, at or near McPherson's and Brien's furnace, on the road leading from Sharpburg to Harper's Ferry, severally endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments" which amendments were severally read the first and second time, by special order, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act to alter and repeal the act, entitled, An act for regulating and inspecting weights and measures used in this state, passed at December session 1825, chapter 206; also the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the prompt payment of witnesses in criminal cases, severally endorsed "will not pass." And delivered a bill originated in and passed by the senate, entitled, An act relating to the police of the city of Baltimore; which was read and referred to Messrs. Nicholas, Hunt and Ely. And a bill, entitled, An act to establish the width of Orleans street in the city of Baltimore; which was read and referred to Messrs. Hunt, Nicholas and Turner.

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools in Anne-Arundel county. Also the bill, entitled, An act authorising and empowering the commissioners of Harford county, to build a bridge over Deer Creek, at or near William Pyle saw-mill. Also the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth-Town, in Washington county, to Hager's-Town; and to incorporate the same.

And the bill, entitled, An act to authorise Christiana Storer, of Washington county, to remove a negro slave therein mentioned into this state, were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed.

The committee on the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, adverse to the division of Middletown district in said county, report that they are of opinion that the division of said district is not expedient, and they are of opinion that the law of last session, for the division of said district, should be confirmed.

The committee on the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying a confirmation of the law of last session, for the division of Middletown district; which were read and severally referred to Messrs. M'Elfresh, Richardson, Kemp and M'Kinstry.

The committee on the petition of Ezra Slicer, and others, of Frederick county, counter to the petition of sundry citizens of Burkittsville, praying for a road therein mentioned; which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

The committee on the petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying the passage of an act directing the commissioners of said county to levy a sum of money sufficient to open and make a road from Water's meeting house, on Thomas' run, to the public road leading from Baltimore to Conowingo bridge, over the Susquehanna river, and for other purposes; which was read and referred to Messrs. Montgomery, Moores and Evans.

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The committee on the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, counter to the petition of sundry citizens praying the passage of an act incorporating the Ceresville turnpike road company; which was read and referred to Messrs. M'Elfresh, Kemp and Richardson.

The committee on the petition of sundry citizens of Cecil county, praying for the repeal of a law authorising the governor and council to appoint a lumber inspector for the village of Ark-Haven, in said county, passed at December session 1829, chapter 141; which was read and referred to the committee on inspections.

The committee on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery and Anne-Arundel counties, praying for a road therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Willson, Harding, Gittinge, Hood and Stewart.

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**FRANCE**  
The fall of the French Ministry had not been completed. M. Falloux was expected to be recalled, according to his own report, soon after Christmas. The French Government have shown themselves against what is considered the Restoration of the Empire.

**ENGLAND**  
Disturbances continued in the country. Two bars, two stables, and a large cart shed were simultaneously set on fire at Reading, on the 17th December. Several attacks have been about the same time set on fire in Bury. On the same day the laborers assembled in great numbers at Clackton, and broke several threshing machines. They again assembled at Kirby on the next day, broke other machines, and succeeded in making the farmers promise to raise their wages. Several of them were arrested in consequence of the succeeding days.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 1851.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools in Anne Arundel county, also the bill, entitled, An act authorizing and empowering the commissioners of Harford county to build a bridge over the Chesapeake Bay near William Tyler's mill, and to alter and change the name of Elizabeth town, in Washington county, to Elizabeth town, and to incorporate the same into the bill, entitled, An act to authorize Christian Stebbins, of Washington county, to remove a ferry, and to have therein mentioned into this act, also the bill, entitled, An act to divorce William Vickers and Rebecca Vickers, of Dorchester county, also the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts, out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, also the bill, entitled, An act to authorize the issuing of attachments by justices of the peace for the recovery of small debts, also the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for founding a college in the city of Frederick, by the name of Frederick college, also the bill, entitled, An act to provide for building a bridge over the Patuxent Falls, at or near the Thistle factory, also the bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Baltimore and Frederick counties, and the resolution in favor of Henry Wayman, were sent to the senate.

And the bill, entitled, An act relating to Cromwell's bridge in Baltimore county, was returned to the senate.

Mr. Watters presented the petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, praying for the passage of an act to authorize the commissioners of Harford county, to build a bridge at a certain place therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Watters, Montgomery and Moores.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the clerk of Baltimore county court, containing the commission and proceedings had therein in the case of Richard Gittings vs. Elizabeth Gittings, for divorce; which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

On motion by Mr. Kent, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the fifth section of an act, entitled, An act to regulate the manner of granting out county pensions for Anne Arundel county, passed at December session 1829, chapter 63. Ordered, That Messrs. Kent, Stewart and Hood, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to extend the time of taking appeals from the chancery court. Ordered, That Messrs. Blakistone, Brewer and Kent, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Brawner, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to authorize equitable assignees to sue in their own names. Ordered, That Messrs. Brawner, Kingely and Dairyng, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Turner, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the recording of certain proceedings in Baltimore county court. Ordered, That Messrs. Turner, Worthington and Holmes, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Chapman, leave was given to bring in a bill for the benefit of John Contee Keeth. Ordered, That Messrs. Chapman, Brawner and Rogers, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Chapman, leave was given to bring in a bill for the benefit of Horatio Clappett, of the District of Columbia. Ordered, That Messrs. Chapman, Brawner and Rogers, report the same.

Mr. Ely submitted the following preamble and resolution: WHEREAS, it appears to this general assembly that Thomas Culbreth, Esq. the former and present clerk of the executive council, was in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-six employed, under the authority of the State, faithfully to superintend and supervise the transcribing of the chancery records for the years during which T. H. Bowie was register, and other proceeding and succeeding years; and in consideration of such faithful service, was paid from the treasury of the state upwards of five thousand dollars of the public money;

And whereas the services, for which the said large sum of money was considered to have been a fair remuneration, never have been performed, but on the contrary have been inconsiderably neglected, to the great and incalculable injury of the people of the state;

And whereas it has been proved to the entire and complete satisfaction of the present legislature, that the records in chancery for the year eighteen hundred and sixteen, during the official term of the said Bowie, were in the proper office of the register in chancery previous to the appointment of the said Culbreth as superintendent and supervisor as aforesaid, and as such it was his duty to have seen them correctly and properly transcribed;

And whereas, it has been further satisfactorily proved, that the said last mentioned records, never were transcribed, although they were taken from the office of the register in chancery for that purpose, but are in fact lost, and cannot now be found;

And whereas the records thus lost are of immense and vital importance to the people of the state, inasmuch as a large number of them may thereby be subjected to vexatious law suits, and even to the loss of the land which they may hold under the decrees in chancery for that year;

And whereas suit was brought by the state against Henry Wayman, in Anne Arundel county court, as surety of the late Thomas H. Bowie, former register in chancery, upon the ground that the said Bowie had not registered the decrees and other papers in chancery, for the year eighteen hundred and sixteen, and judgment was rendered thereon against the said Wayman, and all further proceedings upon said judgment were ordered to be arrested by this house, upon proof being given that the said papers had been regularly recorded by the said Bowie, but have been since lost by the agents of the state appointed to transcribe the said records;

And whereas the truth of all the above recited facts, has been admitted by the house of delegates assembled by its journal of the 6th inst.

And whereas, considering the facts above stated, and considering that as members of the legislature we are bound to protect the rights and interests of the people, and to see that the public suffers no injury; and considering that the loss of the aforesaid records is properly chargeable on the officer whose duty it was to have seen them transcribed into the chancery office, and for which duty he was fully and amply paid; Therefore,

Resolved, That the attorney general of the state be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to commence and prosecute a suit in the name of the state, against Thomas Culbreth, to make him accountable to him as supervisor and superintendent of the transcribing of the chancery records by virtue of a resolution No. 20, of the session of 1845.

Which was read. The house then adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 15th, 1851.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act regulating the manner of levying on the assessable property in Anne Arundel county, for the support of primary schools in said county, also the bill, entitled, An act to repeal the fifth section of an act, entitled, An act to regulate the manner of granting out county pensions for Anne Arundel county, passed at December session 1829, chapter 63; also the bill, entitled, An act to extend the time of taking appeals from the chancery court in a certain case therein mentioned; and the resolution extending the time for completing the records in the office of register of wills of Charles county, were sent to the senate.

The bill, entitled, An act to establish the width of Orleans street, in the city of Baltimore, was returned to the senate.

Mr. Bell presented the petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying for the passage of an act to authorize the lay court of the said county to keep in repair the causeway near the town of Salisbury in said county, which was read and referred to Messrs. Bell, Teacklo and Ballard.

Mr. Kent presented the memorial of James Childs, of Anne Arundel county, praying the passage of an act appointing a justice of the peace to him the status therein mentioned; which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Ely presented the petition of sundry free people of colour, residing in Prince-George's county, praying the redress of grievances therein mentioned, accompanied with the names of sundry citizens of said county, in favour of the prayer of said petitioners; which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Ilicks presented the petition of sundry citizens of Dorchester county, praying an alteration of the act of assembly passed at December session 1821, relating to constables, which was read and referred to Messrs. Ilicks, Brewer and Viner.

On motion by Mr. Steele, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to enable purchasers to obtain possession of premises sold by sheriffs, coroners and clerks, at public auction, passed at December session 1845, chapter 103. Ordered, That Messrs. Steele, Claude and Gale, prepare and report the same.

On motion by Mr. Smith, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act supplementary to an act for opening Pratt-street, passed at December session 1848, chapter 83. Ordered, That Messrs. Smith, Nicholas and Hawkins, prepare and report the same.

Mr. Ely, chairman of the committee on manufactures, delivered the following report: The Committee on Manufactures, to which was referred so much of the executive message as relates to communications from the states of Ohio, Delaware and Kentucky, on the subject of the tariff and also a communication from Louisiana on the same subject, Report,—

That they have had the same under consideration, and after mature deliberation, they are not a little apprehensive that they have not succeeded in doing justice to a subject so intimately connected with the advancement and prosperity of agriculture and commerce—a subject which has engaged much of the time of our most enlightened statesmen, and has not been deemed unworthy of their attention and consideration. And, as it is not the intention of the committee to offer theoretical opinions of their own or of others, being persuaded that a display of speculative opinions would not meet with approbation—from these views the committee are disposed to state a few facts, and make such observations only as shall be intimately connected with the important subject committed to their consideration. And believing that it is admitted by all, that prior to the year eighteen hundred and nine, establishments for the manufacture of many of the most important articles, such as those of cotton, wool, &c. had not been attempted, but in a few instances, in this state, or even in the United States, and on a very limited scale; therefore their rise and progress are attributable in a great measure to the embarrassments to which commerce was subjected at about that period, which embarrassment originated in causes not within the control of human agencies it will therefore be perceived, that while commerce flourished, the trade which had been carried on with the continent of Europe, and with the colonies of Spain and France, had enriched our enterprising merchants, the benefits of which were beneficially felt by the agriculturalists whose wealth and industry were thus increased and extended. But when external commerce was suspended, or interrupted, the capitalists throughout Maryland, and throughout the whole Union, became solicitous to give activity to their capital. A portion of it was directed to the improvement of agriculture, and not in an inconsiderable portion of it was directed to the improvement of manufactures. Thus the rise and progress of the manufacturing establishments in this state, and the progress of the manufacturing establishments in the United States, are attributable to the same cause, and are the result of the same policy.

And whereas the records thus lost are of immense and vital importance to the people of the state, inasmuch as a large number of them may thereby be subjected to vexatious law suits, and even to the loss of the land which they may hold under the decrees in chancery for that year;

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his labour, in procuring from the soil of his country all those with facility, the raw materials that are required, and in the liberal encouragement that will always be accorded by the agriculturalists to those manufacturers, who by their industry keep up a constant and increasing demand for the surplus produce of agriculture. Your committee is aware, that it is not Maryland alone that is to be benefited by the protective system, but that every state in the Union will participate in those advantages—the resources of each will be explored, opened and enlarged—the different portions of the Union will accede to their position, the climate, population and habits of the people, and the nature of the soil, will induce the inhabitants of the various sections of the Union to make into that line of industry which is best suited to their interests, and the good of the whole. And thus, by an active and free intercourse, promoted and facilitated by roads and canals, which will in a great measure destroy all prejudices which may have been generated by distance, and the want of inducements to approach each other, and reciprocal benefits, will be greatly diminished. Information will be extended, and the Union will acquire greater strength and solidity. The constitution of the United States, and the constitutions of the several states, will be regarded as fountains from which continually flow numerous streams of public and private prosperity. Thus each government, moving in its appropriate orbit, performing with ability its separate functions, will be endeared to the hearts of a wise and grateful people. Maryland as one of the states that are disposed to manufacture as a regular occupation, will draw from the agricultural states a portion of the raw materials which her manufacturers may want, and not an inconsiderable portion also of the necessities of life—while the latter will, in addition to the benefits they at present enjoy, always command in peace or in war, at moderate prices, every description of manufactures that their wants may require; and should some of the agricultural states be inclined to manufacture for themselves, they can do so with success, because they have all the means to erect and extend, at pleasure, manufacturing establishments; so that the wants of the whole Union, being supplied by our own ingenuity and industry, the exportation of specie to pay for foreign manufactures will be greatly diminished, and labour will consequently meet with a better reward. The committee are also of opinion, that the value of the surplus produce of our agriculture at this time exported, will not enable the importers to pay for the foreign manufacture imported. Whenever the two accounts shall be fairly stated, it is believed that the balance of trade against the United States will be found to be millions of dollars; such appears to be the state of things, that a fair protection to the industry of the manufacturers, as well as all others, must be to the advantage, not only of Maryland, but of every state in the Union. The precious metals will be attracted to them, the diffusion of which in a regular current through the body politic, will give to each member thereof health and vigour; and in proportion as the commerce of the United States depends on agriculture and manufactures, as a common basis, it will increase and become more independent of those revolutions and fluctuations which the ambition and jealousy of foreign governments, by their selfish legislation, are too apt to produce. Our navigation will be thus quickened and supported by internal resources never before at the command of any nation. Thus new channels to trade and enterprise, no less important than productive, are continually opening, which can be secured only by a wise and prudent policy, appreciating their advantage, by affording a steady protection to our manufactures, and by thus trading on our own capital, collisions with other nations if they be not entirely done away, will be greatly diminished. This natural order of things promises peace, security and repose, by a firm and steady reliance on the products of agriculture, and the treasures that are embodied in the earth, and also on the genius and ingenuity of our manufacturers and mechanics, and on the intelligence and enterprise of our merchants, all co-operating together, it will be found that the causes producing war will be but few. And should war take place, its calamitous consequences will be mitigated, and the expenses and burdens of such a state of things will fall with a weight less oppressive and injurious on the nation. The expenditure of the last war was greatly increased by a dependence on foreign supplies, as the prices incident to such a state of dependence will always be higher in proportion to the increased demand, on the diminished supply of the necessities and comforts of life; and had not our rising manufacturing establishments have increased the quantity of commodities at that time in demand, the expenditure would have been much greater, and consequences the most fatal and disastrous, alarming, even in contemplation, would have been the fate of this state, and of the nation at large.

The experience of the past teaches a lesson never to be forgotten, and points emphatically to the remedy which is to be found only in the government of the United States yielding a fair protection to our manufactures.

In compliance with these views, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the protection afforded to our manufactures and the industry of the country, by the national government, be and the same is hereby highly approved of.

Resolved, That the foregoing report and resolution be and the same is hereby considered as a sufficient concurrence with the views of the states of Ohio, Delaware, Kentucky and Louisiana, as expressed by resolutions of the legislatures of those states respectively, on the subject of the tariff.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing report and resolutions to each of the governors of the several states of the Union, with a request to have the same laid before their respective legislatures; and also forward copies of the same to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order, Hugh Ely, Chairman.

The clerk of the house returned the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the annual accumulation of costs on all actions or suits at law in the county courts of this state, passed at December session 1845, chapter 100.

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An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, to Hagers-town, and to incorporate the same.

Also the bill, entitled, An act to amend an act, passed at the acts of assembly, which would expire with the present session.

Also the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act empowering and directing the commissioners of Cecil county, to build two fire-proof offices for the use of the clerks of the county and register of wills, for the safe keeping of the records appertaining to their respective offices, in the town of Elkton.

Also a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorizing the levy court of Cecil county at their discretion to levy a sum of money to build a bridge over the Octorara creek in said county, at or near Samuel Rowland's store, passed at December session 1821, chapter 112.

And the bill, entitled, An act appointing commissioners to mark and bound the lot on which the house for public worship of the Baptist society of Harford county stands, and to vest the title to said land in the trustees of said society; severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Baltimore and Frederick counties, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment." Which amendment was read the first, and by special order the second time, and assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for electing commissioners for Washington county, and prescribing their powers and duties.

And the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the opening of a street in Hagers-town, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were severally read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas F. Ward, of Saint-Mary's county, endorsed, "will not pass."

Also the resolution requesting the governor to cause to be bound up the pamphlet laws of the several states and territories of the United States, as may be now in the state library; endorsed, "assented to." Ordered to be engrossed.

And delivered a communication from G. Decker, Esq. president of the Baltimore and Reister's-town Turnpike Road Company, enclosing an abstract of the accounts of said company, from the 7th day of January 1828, to the 3d day of January 1831, in conformity to directions in the act of assembly, passed at November session 1804.

Which was read.  
Also a communication from the executive department, enclosing a communication from the president of the United States, accompanied with a report of the secretary of war, (received and referred by the senate to the consideration of this house;) which was read, and is as follows:

Executive Department,  
Annapolis, February 5th, 1831.  
Gentlemen of the Senate, and  
of the House of Delegates,

We herewith lay before you a communication from the president of the United States, accompanied by a report of the secretary of war, in answer to the application, which, at your request, we made, for the appointment of one or more of the United States engineers, to make a survey of the coast between cape Charles and Lewis town.

We very much regret the view taken by the president and secretary of war, of the important improvement contemplated by your resolutions, which has led them, so explicitly, to decline a compliance with your wish.

With the highest consideration,  
We have the honour to remain  
Your Obedt. Servt.  
D/NIEL MARTIN.

The hour for taking up the order of the day having arrived,

On motion by Mr. Tilghman, the house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, and resumed the consideration of the unfinished order of yesterday, being the bill, entitled, An act to provide for making a rail road from Baltimore to the city of Washington, and the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the extension and construction of a rail road from some point on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road to the line of the District of Columbia, in the direction of the city of Washington, and after some time spent therein, the speaker resumed the chair, when Mr. Lee, the chairman, reported, that the said committee had, according to order, had the said bills again under consideration, and beg leave to recommend that the enacting clause of the bill, entitled, An act to provide for making a rail road from Baltimore to the city of Washington, be stricken out, and that the committee had directed him to ask leave to sit again upon the other bill; which leave was granted by the house.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to make valid and authorise the recording of a bill of sale therein mentioned; also the bill, entitled, An act to regulate the per diem of justices of the levy court and trustees of the poor for Dorchester county, and for other purposes; severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act authorising and empowering the commissioners of Harford county to build a bridge over Deer creek, at or near William Pyle's saw mill, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment." Which amendment was read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act to authorise Mary Ann Cockey, wife of Thomas B. Cockey of Baltimore county, to devise her real estates, and the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Bolton Jackson of the city of Baltimore, endorsed "will not pass." Also the resolution in favour of Gassaway Pindell, administrator of Nicholas Pindell, endorsed, "disagreed from." And delivered the following messages:

By Senate,  
Feb. 10th, 1831.  
Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have considered a resolution passed by your honorable body in favour of Gassaway Pindell, administrator of Nicholas Pindell, and rejected the same. In so doing, they have been influenced by a sense of the impropriety of allowing interest on such a claim, and of devolving the labour of its examination on the treasurer. They would respectfully suggest, that the executive should be authorised to ascertain the amount of the claim contemplated by the resolution, with these views it is returned with an assurance that any other resolution on this subject which may pass your house, will be respectfully considered by the senate.

By order,  
L. Gassaway, Clk.  
By the Senate,  
February 8, 1831.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,  
The senate returns, and respectfully requests the reconsideration, by your honorable body, of the bill making certain changes in the constitution in relation to the removal of proceedings in criminal cases.

The evil which the bill is intended to remedy, is great and oppressive, to the people in many sections of the state, and is daily increasing. At present the power of removal, in

our cases of felony, and in those of misdemeanor, is abused. The power rests exclusively with the accused, and the very person who is most deeply interested in the result. His judgment is therefore the only one to be regarded, and his passions are uncontrolled, and he is not bound by the convenience and expense in distant courts. In truth, the present system of removal is a system of prostration, and that in many cases it is impossible to secure the attendance of witnesses, and the consequence of their nonattendance, an exemption from condign punishment necessarily follows. Thus in many instances the hardened and incorrigible delinquent is let loose on society, again to repeat, or rather continue his system of petty depredation. This immunity from punishment, robs the law of its terrors and holds out inducement to crime. The inconvenience of this system is a great grievance, which cases are removed, is under this system a great grievance. Courts and juries are kept in session at expense and inconvenience longer than necessary, with a view to their trial. The evils are undoubtedly great, and in the opinion of the senate, imperiously require a remedy. The bill under consideration applies the remedy without the slightest danger to the citizen. In all capital cases, where excitement would be likely to result from the crime, the power of removal is left by the bill with the accused. This perhaps is wrong, and it might, possibly, with more safety to the community, be left with a court of justice—but still the senate is unwilling, in cases affecting the life of an individual, to disturb the principle. So too, in cases of libel, where passion becomes excited, the power of removal is reserved. In minor cases even, it is not taken away—in them a removal may be had in the discretion of the court. And surely the judges to whom higher and more solemn duties are confided, may be trusted with the performance of this lesser duty. Can it be supposed to be unsafe to trust the decision of the question of removal, in a case of minor importance, to that tribunal, to which you have committed the solemn question of life or death? the high question whether a man shall live or die? Would not his liberty and his reputation be safe with that tribunal? Can it be supposed that the judges of a whole district would combine, and in defiance of public opinion—in violation of the law of the land—in disregard of their oaths of office, and of their own characters—refuse a removal of his case, to any party, who justly and properly asked it at their hands?

The senate does not perceive in the bill the slightest danger, but on the contrary, a just and mild remedy for a great and onerous grievance.

The senate again then, and most respectfully, yet earnestly, solicits the reconsideration of the bill, under a hope that your honourable body may be induced to pass it.

By order,  
L. Gassaway, Clk.

Which was read.  
The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 11, 1831.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Horatio Claggett, of Alexandria; and the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Murphey, of Queen-Anne's county, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Gantt presented the petition of William M'Laughlin, of Prince-George's county, praying to be placed on the pension list of said county.

Mr. Gittings presented the petition of Zadoch Duval, of Montgomery county, praying to be placed on the pension list of said county; which were severally read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

Mr. M'Kinstry presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying for the redress of certain grievances therein mentioned.

Mr. Moores presented the petition of Gerard Mitchell, of Harford county, praying that a law may pass condemning certain land for a mill-dam, and for other purposes; which were read and severally referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Wallis presented the petition of sundry citizens of Kent county, praying for an act to make valid the deed of trust therein mentioned; which was read and referred to Messrs. Wallis, Brown of Kent, and Piner.

Mr. Nicholas presented the petition of Richard Caton, and others, praying for authority to make a rail road from a point near the third section of the first division of the Baltimore and Ohio rail road to the south harbour of the city of Baltimore; which was read and referred to Messrs. Nicholas, Hunt and Turner.

The speaker laid before the house a report of the commissioners appointed under a resolution of December session 1829, upon the obstructions and impediments of Chester river; which was read and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, Ordered, That the petition of Bolton Jackson, of the city of Baltimore, and the documents therewith presented, be withdrawn from the files of the house.

On motion by Mr. Edelen, Leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the payment of jurors in Prince-George's county, passed at December session 1820, chapter 63. Ordered, That Messrs. Edelen, Wootton and Gantt, prepare and report the same.

On motion by Mr. Ballard, leave was given to bring in a bill to be entitled, An act to incorporate the Presbyterian Church at Monokin, in Somerset county. Ordered, That Messrs. Ballard, Teackle and Bell, prepare and report the same.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house again resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, and after some time spent therein, the speaker resumed the chair, when Mr. Lee the chairman, reported, that the said committee had, according to order, had said bill under consideration, and having made some progress therein, directed him to ask leave to sit again.

On the question being put, Will the house grant the leave? yeas 31, nays 30.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following message; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

By the House of Delegates,  
February 11th, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate,  
We again invite your attention to the subject of the vacancy, which, on the third of March next, will occur in the representation of this state, in the senate of the United States.

However clearly the constitution of the United States may seem to have provided, that "if vacancies happen by resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the legislature of any state, the executive thereof may fill such vacancies by temporary appointments," we find in the history of the extra session of the senate, held on the fourth of March eighteen hundred and twenty-five, great reason to apprehend, that after the term of service of our present senator, General Chambers, shall have expired, a temporary appointment by your state executive may, by the precedent then set, be determined to be invalid, and the state left unprotected until the legislature shall be convened anew.

The case referred to, is that of Mr. Linnan, of Connecticut, which may be found in the senate journal of the year eighteen hundred and twenty-four and five, pages two hundred eighty-one, two and three.

The appointment was made on the eighth day of February preceding, because to give to Connecticut a representation in the senate at the session then called, it was necessary that it should be made, in anticipation of the vacancy.

The legislature of Connecticut was not then, nor until long afterwards, in session.

This would seem to have been a case entirely within the provision of the constitution above recited, and strictly analogous to that which will be presented, should this legislature now omit to fill the vacancy, and the executive make a temporary appointment. It cannot be pretended that any state law does or can exist, here or elsewhere, effectual to control or alter the provisions of the federal constitution; yet we find the majority of the senate refusing to admit Mr. Linnan to his seat, and in the roll of that majority, we find the powerful names of Messrs. Berrien, Branch, Eaton, Lloyd, Van Buren, and Jackson. We are utterly at a loss to account for such a decision, unless it was predicated upon the idea that the "happening of vacancies" was to be understood as meaning vacancies by death, resignation or other casualty, not to be foreseen and provided for by the legislature.

We are, however, forcibly admonished by that decision, that it is our duty to make provision in time for a case now clearly foreseen, and not leave the state unrepresented in the senate, or her representation available by new constructions of the constitution. We, therefore, again earnestly invite your honourable body to appoint some convenient day in this session, to elect, agreeably to law, a senator to represent this state in congress after the third of March next.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 12, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The resolution in favour of Thomas Osborne, late sheriff and collector of Prince-George's county, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Shaw presented the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying to be admitted to an equal participation in the benefits of public instruction, and a due apportionment of the school money; which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. M'Kinstry presented the petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying for an amendment of the present law, as it relates to the levying money for the use of public roads in said county and for other purposes; which was read and referred to Messrs. M'Kinstry, Kemp and Richardson.

Mr. Shaw presented the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying that a law may pass to authorise the drawing of a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read and referred to the committee on lotteries.

Mr. Lee presented a communication from Charles F. Mercer, Esq. president of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, in obedience to an order of the house of delegates of the 28th January 1831; which was read and referred to the committee on internal improvement.

On motion by Mr. Turner, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act passed at December session 1823, relating to the inspection of flour in the city of Baltimore. Ordered, That Messrs. Turner, M'Kinstry and Wootton, report the same.

Mr. Rogerson submitted the following message, and resolution:

By the House of Delegates,  
February 12, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate,  
We return to your honourable body the resolution in favour of Gassaway Pindell, administrator of Nicholas Pindell, a revolutionary soldier. We have made such alterations therein as were suggested by your honourable body. We flatter ourselves that it will now meet with your approbation, and that you will find no further difficulty in passing the same.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and requested, to ascertain the amount due Nicholas Pindell, a revolutionary soldier, at the time of his death, and the treasurer of the western shore to hereby require, to pay to Gassaway Pindell, administrator of Nicholas Pindell, such sum as shall be so ascertained to be due to the said Pindell at the time of his decease.

Which were twice read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Teackle submitted the following resolution; which was read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate:

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the additional number of six hundred copies of the laws of the present session be printed, for the purpose of supplying the civil officers, and of enabling the executive to distribute to such states and territories as supply their laws to this state.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the message offered by him on yesterday, proposing to go into the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Rogerson submitted the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That the register of the land office for the western shore, issue to Gassaway Pindell, administrator of Nicholas Pindell, a revolutionary soldier, a common warrant for fifty acres of vacant land, lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany county, and to issue a patent for the said quantity of acres of land, upon a certificate of the survey thereof, duly returned, without requiring payment, or proof of payment, of any composition money therefor.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over the Sasasas river, at the place where the public ferry is now kept, from Frederick-Town in Cecil county, to George-Town in Kent county.

Also the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of certain distressed foreigners in Frederick county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act relating to the records in the register of wills office, in Kent county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read the first, and by special order a second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the children of Robert I. Henry, late of Worcester county, deceased, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments," which amendments were severally read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act to confirm the sale and make valid the deed of conveyance from the trustees of the poor of Harford county of the alea house and lands thereon belonging in said county to the purchaser.

Also the bill, entitled, An act to authorise Christian Stone, broker of Washington county, to remove a negro slave therefrom into this state.

ANNA POLINA  
Thursday, February 11, 1831

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT  
The senate of Maryland has passed the bill to abolish imprisonment for certain amount on Magistrates judgments, and to be engaged for a third reading, &c. This bill will probably be finally passed this day. Every friend of humanity and of liberty, ought to rejoice at its passage. The bill above mentioned, passed the Senate this morning.

From the U. S. Telegraph, of 11th Feb.  
APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT  
Joseph Sands to be Collector of the Port of Annapolis Md. from the day of December 1830, when the term of Alexander Randall expired.

On Friday last, the Executive of the State of Virginia was organized by the legislature. John Floyd was unanimously voted for Governor, for the term of three years.

The deaths in Philadelphia during the year 1830, were 4250—of this number 1196 males of 20 years and upwards, 837 females of 20 years and upwards, and 1003 under 20 years. From January 1830, to the first of January 1831, there were born 3,996 male and 3,601 children; making the total number 7,628; leaving a difference between the number of births and interments of 3,378.

STATE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY  
On Tuesday 25th ultimo, the Rev. Mr. Wards, Agent of the "American Temperance Society" delivered an address in the House of Delegates to the members of the Legislature and a number of Citizens of various parts of the State. On the occasion the address a number of the individuals present formed themselves into a Temperance Society and adopted the following

CONSTITUTION.  
ART. 1. This Society shall be called the MARYLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.  
ART. 2. All persons who subscribe to the Constitution, and all officers of Temperance Societies in the State of Maryland, shall be members of this Society.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be to discourage and discountenance, by all the means in their power, the use of spirituous liquors, as not only unnecessary to health and comfort of life, but pernicious to both; inevitably tending to the formation of intemperate habits, the consequences of which are invariably pernicious to the moral constitution of mankind.

ART. 4. The subscribers to this Constitution, members of this Society, shall be bound to use of their own free will, and encourage the use of them by all suitable means in the community at large.

ART. 5. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Directors, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, and shall constitute a Board of Directors—five of whom shall constitute a quorum to transact business, and remain in office until a new election shall take place.

ART. 6. The Board of Directors shall take such measures as they may judge expedient to promote habits of temperance throughout the State, and report annually to the Society.

ART. 7. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society in Annapolis, during the session of the Legislature, at such time and place as the Board of Directors may appoint.

ART. 8. Any member neglecting to attend a meeting take admission from the Society, giving a written notice of his desire to the Secretary.

ART. 9. All Temperance Societies in the State of Maryland, and the places therein, from the use of spirituous liquors, who furnish annually an abstract of their names, shall be considered auxiliary to this Society.

ART. 10. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

At an adjourned meeting of the Society, the 1st inst., the following gentlemen were appointed officers of the Society and the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be and they are hereby authorized and requested, to ascertain the amount due Nicholas Pindell, a revolutionary soldier, at the time of his death, and the treasurer of the western shore to hereby require, to pay to Gassaway Pindell, administrator of Nicholas Pindell, such sum as shall be so ascertained to be due to the said Pindell at the time of his decease.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the additional number of six hundred copies of the laws of the present session be printed, for the purpose of supplying the civil officers, and of enabling the executive to distribute to such states and territories as supply their laws to this state.

Resolved, That the register of the land office for the western shore, issue to Gassaway Pindell, administrator of Nicholas Pindell, a revolutionary soldier, a common warrant for fifty acres of vacant land, lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany county, and to issue a patent for the said quantity of acres of land, upon a certificate of the survey thereof, duly returned, without requiring payment, or proof of payment, of any composition money therefor.

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## Legislature of Maryland.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

MONDAY, February 14th, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on Saturday.

The proceedings of Saturday were read. The bill, entitled, An act relating to the summoning of jurors in Baltimore city, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Harding presented the petition of William Schofield, praying that the levy court of Montgomery county, may be authorized to levy a sum of money for his support, which was read and referred to the committee on pensions to indigent persons by county assessment.

Mr. Wallis presented the petition of sundry citizens of Kent county, praying an act may pass with penalties sufficiently rigorous to restrain certain unlawful practices committed by certain boatmen from the Delaware bay; which was read and referred to Messrs. Wallis, Brown of Kent, Tilghman, Brawner, and Burchenal.

Mr. McKinstrey presented the petition of David Keifer, of the town of Westminster, in Frederick county, praying for the passage of a law authorizing the appointment of commissioners to widen a certain alley or avenue in said town, and for other purposes; which was read and referred to Messrs. McKinstrey, Kemp and Richardson.

Mr. Gale presented the petition of George Mercer, and others, of Cecil county, counter to the petition of John Swisher, and others, praying that the latter may not be made permanent trustees of a certain school therein mentioned; which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

On motion by Mr. Burchenal, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act authorizing the commissioners of Greensborough, in Caroline county, to survey and lay out the limits of said village. Ordered, That Messrs. Burchenal, Hardecastle and Jones, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Burchenal, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to erect an academy and appoint trustees thereto, in the village of Greensborough, in Caroline county, and for other purposes. Ordered, That Messrs. Burchenal, Hardecastle and Charles, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Hicks, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act to incorporate the New-Market Academy, in Dorchester county. Ordered, That Messrs. Hicks, Wright and Steele, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Burchenal, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act authorizing Marcey Fountain, former collector of Caroline county, to complete his collections. Ordered, That Messrs. Burchenal, Jones and Charles, report the same.

The resolution requiring the commissioners of the school fund for Calvert county, to report to the legislature, on or before the first day of February, in each and every year hereafter, in what manner they have distributed said fund, and also the number of children receiving the benefit thereof, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and assented to.

Mr. Wootton from the committee, delivered the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of this state and the district of Columbia, praying for the revival of the act of 1828, incorporating the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road Company, submit the following report:

Your committee are of opinion, that every work of great public utility, which the wants of the community may require, should be constructed by the state; that it does not comport with the principles of a government like ours, that the social or commercial intercourse of its citizens should be obstructed; that its great avenues of inter-communication should be converted into private property, and the interest of the whole made subservient to the interests of the few. The right of travel should be as free as the air we breathe, unsubjected to the restriction, which the poor and middling classes in the community may find oppressive, but the powerful and wealthy may not feel; which draws no distinction between rich and poor; by which the capitalist and the poor cultivator of the soil are made to contribute, not in proportion to their means, but their necessities. If restrictions must be imposed they should be for the common good, and not for individual benefit—and the advantages resulting from them, should flow, not into the pockets of the rich, but into the coffers of the state. If roads and canals are necessary; if the public convenience require them, let them be made at the public expense, and upon such a scale as would give them an enduring utility. Each citizen should have the right of way, without let, charge or hindrance; or if it should be deemed expedient to establish a system of tolls, it should only be to reimburse the state for the amount she may have expended in their construction, or to afford her the means of keeping them in repair. If she chose, however, to avail herself of the advantage which the construction of such works will afford, the revenue arising therefrom would go into the public treasury, and thus accumulate a fund which would eventually relieve the people of all the burdens of taxation. If in the progress of time, the interest and wants of the community should require the rates of toll to be increased to meet the emergencies of war, or other extreme necessity, or even to be lessened to give greater facilities to commercial and individual intercourse, this may be done while the state holds the control; but on the other hand, when she has passed the power to individuals, no subsequent accommodation can be given—the interest of the whole are made subservient to the interests of the few, and the right of travel, instead of being free, may be forever taxed for the benefit of the fortunate capitalist who shall have invested his money, not with a view to the general good, but the advancement of his own interest.

Entertaining these views, the committee are of opinion, that the state would be wanting in regard to her own interests, was she to pass from her hands the control over the proposed road. Without entering into detail, the committee would say, that from the information which they have received, no work could be constructed so likely to give a large return from a small expenditure. The estimated cost of the work is about \$575,000, and proposals have been made for its construction by individuals, undoubtedly qualified and ca-

able of giving ample security for its completion, for \$650,000. The committee have ascertained, from sources to be relied on, that the present amount of the price of travel between Baltimore and the District of Columbia, by means of stages and steam-boats, exceeds \$100,000, and that the gross amount of transportation for goods and merchandise, is upwards of \$40,000, and that the ratio of increase by travel and transportation between the above mentioned places, is at the rate of 30 per cent. per annum.

This statement, it is believed, rather falls short than exceeds the truth. But even supposing it to be \$100,000 per annum, the state could not make so profitable an investment in any other work of internal improvement; and the committee are firmly persuaded that this work alone, without interfering with any other, but rather giving greater advantages to some in which the state is already deeply engaged, will in a little while be a source from which the state may derive a constant supply for the prosecution of other works of internal improvement, the dissemination of knowledge, and whatever else may be deemed essential to the welfare of her citizens. The committee can hardly believe, with such evidences of the practicability and certainty of profit which the proposed work offers, that the state will be so unmindful of its interests as to eschew the whole, or any part of the advantages resulting from the undertaking. Should the state however, determine to forgo all advantage to herself, and give it to individuals, it should be upon such terms as will afford to each citizen the same facilities of investment; any connexion on the part of the state with any chartered company already in existence, will be to the extent to which such company may be permitted to participate; a deprivation of an equal right of investment on the part of other individual citizens. If the work is to be given to individuals, with a view to call into exercise individual enterprise, and to offer inducements to men of capital to come within our borders, by affording ready means of investing money, then will this best be done by incorporating a new company. That by granting to a company already formed, the advantages which are likely to result from the construction of this work, the rest of society would be deprived of that participation which they have a right to expect; whilst the formation of a new company, besides calling in requisition additional capital and enterprise, will not exclude those individuals who may have embarked their capital in any other work. It is not from any unfriendly feeling towards the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company, that the committee think it would be inexpedient for the state to sanction the making of the proposed road by that company. The state has already evinced its confidence in that company by a liberal subscription; by engaging in new schemes, it is apprehended, that they may be diverted from the completion of the work for which they were specially incorporated, and which is so essentially important they should not be diverted from. To secure to the state that trade which is feared might be diverted into other channels, was this company incorporated, and until this object is obtained, (the connecting trade between the Atlantic borders and the western waters,) ought any inducements to be offered by which they might be induced to slacken their exertions, and thus defeat the great object for which they were incorporated. Without advertent to the claims which have already been set up by that company, of the chartered privilege of making lateral roads through any part of the state, your committee would suggest the impolicy, if not injustice, of increasing the capital of a company already exempt by their charter from the imposition of any tax which the present or future necessities of the community may require. That the exclusion of one portion of our citizens who may choose to invest their capital in works of internal improvement, and cast the burden upon the rest, is as unjust as it is oppressive. If the landholder is subject to every demand which the exigencies of the government may require, why should the capitalist, who is not tied down to the soil, be exempt? If the principle be a good one, that the necessary expenses of the state should be contributed by all her citizens in proportion to their property, then surely does it follow, that the incorporating of any number of private individuals, and giving them a peculiar exemption from taxation, is unequal and oppressive, inasmuch as it leaves exonerated from the burden of taxation, a description of property, from which in general a greater profit is derived by its owners, and which for the most part can only be held and enjoyed by the wealthier classes of the community.

Your committee therefore recommend the revival and modification of the act of 1828, incorporating the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road Company, unless the state should determine to construct the road herself.

Mr. Nicholas from the committee, made a favourable report upon the bill from the senate, entitled, An act to incorporate the Baltimore Life Insurance Company; which was read.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act for the distribution of a certain fund for the purpose of establishing free schools in the several counties therein mentioned; also the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools in Anne-Arundel county; also the bill, entitled, An act regulating the manner of levying on the assessable property in Anne-Arundel county, for the support of primary schools in said county; severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, entitled, An act requiring the commissioners of Harford county to open the road therein mentioned; also the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Horatio Claggett, of Alexandria; severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Also the bill, entitled, An act to authorize the orphans courts of this state to apportion the expenses incurred in improving real estates in cases of dower in said estates, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendment was read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the fifth section of an act, entitled, An act to regulate the manner of granting out county pensions for Anne-Arundel county, passed at December session 1829, chapter 63; also the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of the University of Maryland; severally endorsed, "will not pass."

And delivered a bill, originated and passed by the senate, entitled, An act to divorce Richard Gittings and Elizabeth Gittings, of Baltimore county; which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Hicks presented a report of the trustees of the New Market Academy, in Dorchester county, which was read and referred to the committee on education.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the bill, entitled, An act to provide for making a rail road from Baltimore to the city of Washington.

The door-keeper having returned, reported, that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of the order of the day; when on motion by Mr. Nicholas, the blank in the first section of the bill was filled up with the words, "The governor and council shall appoint three."

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, said section was further amended, by striking out in the 4th line the word "with," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "who shall have."

On motion by Mr. Wootton, the 8d section of the bill was amended, by striking out in the 16th line thereof, the word "ten," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "twenty;" also in the same line by striking out the word "twenty," and inserting "forty."

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, said section was further amended, by striking out from the word "the," in the 37th line thereof, (to the word "damages," in the 31st line inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "said commissioners."

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, said section was further amended, by adding at the end thereof the following proviso: "Provided, that no timber be condemned for the construction or repair of the said rail road, unless the same shall stand on the bed of the location of said road."

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, the sixth and seventh sections of the bill were stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, the 8th section of the bill was amended by striking out the words "carriages, vehicles or machines."

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th sections of the bill were stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, the said bill was amended by inserting the following as the 7th, 8th and 9th sections of the bill, in place of those stricken out:

"Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the passage of this act, appoint a treasurer from their own body, to be styled 'The Treasurer of the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road Fund,' whose duty it shall be to receive and keep a strict account of all moneys, appropriated by virtue of this act, and also all tolls, and other monies of whatsoever nature, which shall arise from the said rail road, and to deposit the same as soon as received, in some bank in the city of Baltimore, to be selected for the purpose by the said commissioners; all which monies are hereby required to be kept in a separate account in the said bank, and shall be subject to be drawn therefrom only by a check or checks on the said bank, to be signed by the treasurer of the said rail road fund, and countersigned by at least one other of the said commissioners."

"Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That any treasurer to be appointed by the commissioners aforesaid, under this act, before he shall enter upon the duties of his office, shall give bond to the state of Maryland, with at least two securities, to be approved by the treasurer of the western shore, in the penalty of one hundred thousand dollars, with condition that the said treasurer of the 'Baltimore and Washington Rail Road Fund' shall well and truly perform all the duties of his said office, and shall faithfully apply all sums of money with which he shall be entrusted, by virtue of this act, in the manner herein required of him; and that every other commissioner under this act, before he shall enter upon the duties of his office, shall give bond to the state of Maryland, with at least two securities, to be approved as aforesaid, in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars, with condition that he shall, in all respects, well and truly perform the duties of a commissioner under this act."

"Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, and the treasurer to be appointed by them, as aforesaid, shall each previously to his entering upon the duties of his office, swear (or affirm as the case may be,) that he will well and truly discharge the duties of his said office to the best of his skill and judgment."

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, the fifteenth section of the bill was stricken out.

Mr. Nicholas moved to amend said bill by adding at the end thereof the following, as additional sections:

"Sec. 12th. And be it enacted, That the treasurer of the said rail road company shall not be credited in any accounts, to be rendered by him under this act, with any sum or sums of money, whatever, unless he shall produce some written evidence specifying the purpose to which the same shall have been applied, authenticated by the signatures of at least one other of the said commissioners."

"Sec. 13. And be it enacted, That the treasurer to be appointed as aforesaid, shall be allowed the sum of two thousand dollars per annum, and each of the said other commissioners shall be allowed the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars per annum, as a compensation for the services imposed upon them respectively by this act; and that in case of the death, resignation or disqualification, of either of the said commissioners, the vacancy shall be filled by the governor and council at their next meeting."

"Sec. 14. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of enabling the said commissioners to construct the said rail road, the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to raise and pay over to the said treasurer of the rail road fund, from time to time, on their requisition, or of the said commissioners, or a majority of them, any sum or sums of money, not exceeding twenty five thousand dollars in any one month, and not exceeding in all the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the year 1831, and that all the aforesaid sums of money shall be raised, by the said treasurer, by issuing certificates of the stock of the state, in the manner and under the regulations pointed out and provided in the act of the general assembly, passed at the present session, entitled, An act further to provide for the payment of future instalments of the states' subscription for stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, and Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Companies."

Mr. Tilghman moved to fill the blank in the 13th section, with the words "fifty hundred." Determined in the negative.

Mr. Nicholas moved to fill the blank with "one thousand;" Resolved in the affirmative.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE.

It is ordered that the commissioners proceed to sell the following tracts of land, to wit: at Annapolis, on Wednesday the 12th day of March, at 12 o'clock, to wit: A. A. county for 1827 and 28 acres.

Name	Acres
Richard's Parcel	12 50
Richard's Parcel	1 21
House and Lot in Annapolis	3 54
Joseph's Gorry Banks	3 08
Swamp	2 07
Name unknown	1 76
Part of Littleton Chaney's Purchase and Nancy's Park	4 97
Whortleberry Island	2 86
Hammond's Enclosure, Part of Finland, Part of Hammond's Itange and Hammond's Plains	48 31
Part of Marhe's Forest, Part of Hammond's 4, 3 and 6 Concession	31 76
Part of Finland	5 33
Two Lots in Lisbon	8 88
Bear Neck	4 33
Part of Whortleberry Forest	1 32
Davidson's Reserve	1 76
Part of Holland's Choice	6 61
House and Lot in Annapolis	1 76
Part of Duval's Delight	3 30
House and Lot in Annapolis	4 67
House and Lot in Annapolis	8 88
Part of Plummer's Pasture	3 46
Part of Portland Manor	6 69
Part of Mount Ville	6 64
Part of Fitzsimmons Gift	7 71
Part of Howards Pasture Itange	12 40
George's Luck	1 24
House and Lot in Annapolis	3 52
Pig Point	4 47
Pig Point	1 28
Pig Point	4 47
Gowry Banks	1 54
Two lots in Lisbon	6 60
Part of Shiley's Admiration	3 32
Name unknown	1 76
Water's Lot	1 57
Part of Hammond's Gift	1 76

ANTHONY SMITH.

**NOTICE.**  
Persons who have borrowed from the late James Shaw a copy of Rapin's History of England, will oblige the subscriber if they will send it to him, leaving it with Somers-Pinkney of the city of Annapolis.  
ALLEN THOMAS.

**NOTICE.**  
The commissioners of Anne-Arundel county will meet at the court house in the city of Annapolis, on Monday the 7th day of March for the purpose of ascertaining the expenses of the county and laying the levy.  
R. J. COWMAN Clk.

**C. HAYDEN, DENTIST.**  
SPECTACULARLY offers his professional services to the citizens of Annapolis, and vicinity, for a short time. He is at Mrs. Mason's, No. 27.

**A FARM FOR SALE.**  
The Subscriber will offer at Public Auction, at Prince Fredericktown, in Calvert county, at 12 o'clock, on the (second Tuesday) 8th Feb, 1831, that beautiful little FARM, supposed to contain about 100 acres, situated near Annapolis, and known by the name of the "Hen's Nest," the late residence of John Cook, Sen.

The improvements consist of a dwelling House, Barn, and other necessary out houses; on this Farm are an excellent Orchard of various and choice Fruits. The soil good, and well adapted to the growth of Corn and Tobacco.

**TERMS OF SALE.**  
One third cash balance in two equal payments of one and two years, to be secured by bonds to be approved by the Subscriber. For information relative to the above property, inquire of the Subscriber.  
J. J. BROOKE,  
St. Leonard's, Calvert County.

The question was then taken on the amendments. Resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill was then read a second time as amended. When on motion by Mr. Blakistone, the question was put, That the same be referred to the consideration of the next general assembly?—yeas 39, nays 29.

Mr. Blakistone submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas there are many conflicting opinions entertained by the several members of this legislature, as to the best and most advantageous plan upon which a rail road should be constructed between the cities of Baltimore and Washington, in consequence of which it is necessary, as it is in all cases of doubt, that the subject matter of consideration should have the expression of public sentiment in relation thereto; Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That with a view to promote the welfare and prosperity of the good sovereign people of this state, the growth of trade, and the public convenience, it is expedient that a rail road connecting the cities of Baltimore and Washington should be constructed.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to appoint three discreet and suitable persons, commissioners, whose duty it shall be to cause the ground between said cities to be carefully examined by one or more skillful engineers, and to survey and locate a route for such rail road, on the best ground, and to cause to be made out careful estimates of the cost of constructing such road of the best materials, with all necessary viaducts, bridges, toll-houses, and other suitable erections, and of the requisite engines, cars, and other conveniences, and generally whatever may be necessary to present a full view of all the expenditure to be incurred in establishing such road; and whatever information they may deem useful in enabling the legislature, and the public generally, to compare the relative advantages and disadvantages of the work, and submit a full and detailed report thereof, (with all attainable exactness,) to the next general assembly, on or before the first day of January eighteen hundred and thirty-two: Provided always, that the whole expense to be incurred in obtaining the information, and making the surveys and estimates, directed by the foregoing resolutions, shall not exceed one thousand dollars; and that no appointment shall be made by the governor and council to execute any of the duties required by the said resolutions, until they shall be satisfied that the whole expense will not exceed that amount.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to make a reasonable allowance to the commissioners, engineers, and other persons engaged in the execution of the foregoing resolutions, and to draw upon the treasurer of the western shore, from time to time, for such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to pay such allowances, and defray the contingent expenses.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to make inquiry, and ascertain and report to the legislature at its next session, at what rate of interest a loan can be obtained, should the state think proper to undertake the construction of the aforementioned rail road.

Which were read.  
The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 15th, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The resolution requiring the commissioners of the school fund for Calvert county to report to the legislature, on or before the 1st day of February in each and every year hereafter, in what manner they have distributed said funds, and the number of children receiving the benefit thereof, also the resolution in favour of the trustees of Abington Academy in Harford county, were sent to the senate.

The speaker announced the following message as having been received from the senate on yesterday.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter the name of Harriett Clarke, of Dorchester county, endorsed "will not pass." Also the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate the trustees of the Maria Marthian Society of Baltimore, passed at December session 1828, chapter 134; also the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Ann Matthews of the city of Baltimore; also the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Presbyterian Church at Monokin in Somerset county, severally endorsed "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Also the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the preservation of the breed of wild deer, and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed at November session 1789, chapter 5, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment" which amendment was twice read, and assented to. Also the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate Westminster in Frederick county, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments;" which amendments were severally read the first, and by special order the second time, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stewart presented the petition of Samuel Graham, of Anne-Arundel county, praying remuneration for the lost services of a negro slave therein mentioned; which was read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Gale presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Port Deposit, and its vicinity, praying that a law may pass, to incorporate a company by the style and title of The Port Deposit Library Company; which was read and referred to Messrs. Gale, Biles and Comerys.

Mr. Mitchell, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Somerset and Worcester counties, praying the passage of an act to incorporate the Presbyterian Church in the town of Salisbury; which was read and referred to Messrs. Mitchell, Parker and Teackle.

Mr. Claude, presented a communication from Richard Ridgely, claiming compensation for services, as committee clerk in 1818; which was read and referred to the committee on claims.

On motion by Mr. Gantt, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to build or repair the jail in Prince-George's county. Ordered, That Messrs. Gantt, Davall and Wootton, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Gantt, Ordered, That the committee on military pensions and revolutionary claims inquire into the propriety of allowing to Jannett Ligan (widow of Gen. James M. Ligan) deceased, a pension for military services rendered by her husband during the revolutionary war.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to enable the purchasers to obtain possession of lands and premises sold by sheriffs, coroners and clerks, at public auction, passed December session 1825, chapter 103; and the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Susanna Holmes, of Baltimore county, were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The resolution in favour of Joseph Weeks the 4th, (late state's agent,) was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the bill, entitled, An act to authorize the extension and construction of a Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road from some point on the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road in the District of Columbia, in the direction of the city of Washington.

On motion by Mr. Ely, the house was called, and the absent members sent for.

The doorkeeper having returned reported that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of the order of the day.

Mr. Blakistone moved to refer the bill to the consideration of the next general assembly.

Mr. Hicks called for the previous question, and being demanded, by a majority of the members present, the said previous question was put, viz. Shall the main question be now put? and it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hughlett seconded by two other members, who voted in the majority, moved to reconsider the vote of the house. On the question, reconsideration being put.

Determined in the negative?—yeas 33, nays 33.

The question was then put on the reference.

Resolved in the affirmative?—yeas 36, nays 31.

Mr. Lee reported a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Baltimore and Washington Rail Road Company.

On the question being put, Will the house consider said bill? It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Nicholas, the bill reported by him entitled, An act to authorize a subscription to the capital stock of the Baltimore and Susquehanna rail road company, was taken up for consideration;

When Mr. Hicks moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill? On the question being put, it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the first section of the bill was amended by striking out in the 11th line, the word "five," and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "four and a half."

On motion by Mr. Teackle, said bill was further amended by striking out the proviso at the end of the second section.

On motion by Mr. Chapman, said bill was further amended by adding the following as an additional section:

"And be it enacted, That the provisions of the act passed at the present session of the general assembly, entitled, An act further to provide for the payment of the future instalments on the state's subscription for stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, or Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Companies, shall in all respects apply to the state's subscription of stock of the said Susquehanna Rail Road Company."

The said bill was then read the second time, as amended.

On the question being put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative—yeas 33, nays 32.

On motion by Mr. Ely, the house took up for consideration the report of the committee on manufactures.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, said report was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lee, chairman of the committee on internal improvement, delivered the following report:

The committee on internal improvement have had under consideration the report of sundry commissioners appointed under resolution number seventy-two, of the last session, "directing a survey and estimate of the cost of removing the impediments in Chester river, from Sutton's point, to the town of Millington," and beg leave to report in favour thereof. The sum of twelve hundred and forty-five dollars seems from this report to be the whole estimate of cost, to which the committee think an addition of the sum of two hundred and sixty-five would cover all the additional expenses of agents, to superintend the execution of this work.

Your committee therefore recommend, that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated for the execution of this desirable object, the same to be placed under the direction of the governor and council, and herewith submit a resolution to effect its objects.

By order,  
Isaac Hines, Clk.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore pay, or cause to be paid, to the order of the governor, from time to time, in such sums of money as may be drawn for, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars; the same to be applied to the removal of the impediments in Chester river, from Sutton's point to the town of Millington, under the direction of the commissioners heretofore appointed by a resolution number seventy-two, of December session eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, and that the said commissioners report to the next general assembly of Maryland, an estimate of the whole expenditure thereof.

Which was read.  
The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 1831.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to extend the powers of the commissioners of the school fund in Queen-Anne's county, and to encourage the establishment of free schools in said county; also the bill, entitled, An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners throughout the state to administer oaths and take acknowledgments of deeds; also the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the purchase of the office papers formerly belonging to the surveyor's office of Frederick county, and to repeal an act therein mentioned; also the bill, entitled, An additional act relating to the city of Baltimore; also the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a company under the name of The Jefferson Library Company; also the bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company under the name of The Nottingham Library Company, passed at December session 1815, chapter 144; also the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate the trustees of the public school in Middle-town, in Frederick county, passed at December session 1822, chapter 179; and the resolution in favour of Anna M. Smith, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Hunt presented the petition of Anna Collins, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a divorce; which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Wootton, from the committee on Internal Improvement, delivered the following report; accompanied with the following resolution:

The committee on internal improvement have had under consideration two acts of the general assembly of the state of Virginia, the first entitled, An act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, passed February 27th, 1829, which empowers—1st. The president and directors to substitute, in lieu of bridges, boats, or surplus water in any part of the canal, or of any feeder or reservoir thereof. And 2d. To sell, lot, or otherwise dispose of, any surplus water in any part of the canal, or of any feeder or reservoir thereof. And 3d. To sell, lot, or otherwise dispose of, any surplus water in any part of the canal, or of any feeder or reservoir thereof.

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for basins and other purposes. And the second being to amend the charter of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, by authorizing the commencement of the western section of the canal, passed February 13th, 1830, which empowers the company to commence the western section, although the eastern section of the canal shall not at such time be completed out of funds hereafter to be raised for that express object, but that as part of the stock hereafter subscribed shall be applied to the construction of the said western section. Together with the memorial of the president and directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, dated January 31st, 1831, praying a confirmation of these acts, and a counter memorial of William M. Stewart, on behalf of Amos Binney and others.

The prayers of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company as now presented, with the exception of the privilege granted by the last recited act of Virginia, seem to your committee to be at variance with the interests of individuals who are already in the possession of rights, that such grants would either destroy or greatly impair a power; which your committee believe the legislature of Maryland never intended to confer, and an interference directly opposed to the policy hitherto pursued by that legislature. The powers, privileges and rights of incorporated companies, are usually so expressed as to be easy of interpretation; whenever such institutions are created; but as doubts have recently been suggested elsewhere, we deem it due to all who may be interested, to be explicit. This is distinctly a charter to improve a navigation, and we cannot perceive in either this charter, or that of the old Potomac Company, the benefits of which enure to this company, other intentions on the part of the legislatures which granted them; except the provision made for the benefit of proprietors of water powers in section 13, of the Potomac company, passed 1784.

The legislature of Maryland at no time intended to authorize the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company to draw off the waters of the Potomac river, or of its tributaries, for the purpose of creating water power for mills or manufactories. The use of those streams was permitted for the purpose of creating an improved navigation, and a right was given to use or dispose of surplus or waste water, but no more; except as provided for in the 13th section alluded to. The committee would deem it impolitic, if it were not otherwise wrong, to encourage the making of establishments, which might subject the company to the temptation of endeavouring, by an unfair and unequal system, as by charging a lower rate of tolls on the raw than the manufactured articles, to draw custom to their works, to the injury of other previously existing manufacturing establishments.

Upon the subject of converting a company established for navigation, into the proprietors of streets, by authorizing them to sell or let land for warehouses in towns, already accommodated with many unoccupied warehouses, and perfectly competent to furnish as many more as may be required by the most extended commerce. Your committee deem such a proposition not only impolitic, but decidedly inconsistent with, and injurious to those who may already enjoy the grounds adjoining to the canal and basins, that may be constructed for the purposes of the company. Under the power conferred upon the company to obtain by condemnation, lands necessary for a canal, it is evident, if this privilege were granted, that a canal company, could possess itself of all the most valuable property near its line, or at its terminus, and by agents build up towns, and even if steam were used in lieu of water, become also manufacturers by agency. Surely this prayer is equally inadmissible, and your committee cannot but believe, that upon more mature reflection the president and directors asking will so consider it. As there has been no experience within the state of the value of boats instead of bridges, your committee advise the house to decline this grant now.

If the object of the company in seeking a confirmation of the Virginia act of February 13th, 1830, be, as that act declares it shall be, to commence the western section now, your committee would recommend that confirmation, if they were not informed by the last report of the company, that the operations essential to the eastern section cannot be completed in consequence of a controversy between that company and that of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, the adjustment of which, seems to be utterly uncertain; for the opinion of your committee upon the consequent delay and loss of interest to the state resulting from this litigation, we refer you to the general report we had the honour to submit to the house on the instant; and as the company would appear to have on hand enough to occupy their attention this year, your committee recommend that no legislation be had this session upon that question, and that this report be adopted as the expression of the house of delegates upon all the prayers submitted to your committee.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the charter granted to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, was not intended to interfere with private property, except for the purpose of perfecting the navigation. That by conferring upon that company, the right to sell or dispose of the surplus water of their canal, where wastes or sluices were absolutely essential to the security of their canal, it was only intended to give to the said company the availment of such waste or surplus water, as unavoidably gained admission; and that so far as the present company are let into the rights and possessions of the Potomac Company, they are bound to take those rights, subject to the obligations and restrictions imposed upon that company.

Which resolution was read the first, and by special order the second time, and assented to.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Anne-Arundel county court, relative to the several sums of money paid by him into the western shore treasury within the year ending on the 30th November; which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the report of the committee on ways and means on the statements of sundry county clerks, the clerk of Baltimore city court, the state tobacco inspectors, and the registers of the land office for the western and eastern shores, was taken up for consideration and read the second time.

When on motion by Mr. Tilghman, said report was recommended.

Mr. Dalrymple submitted the following message; which was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates,  
February 16, 1831.

Gentlemen of the Senate,  
Believing from the state of the business now before us that we can close the session on Saturday the 19th inst. we propose therefore, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to adjourn on that day sine die.

By order,  
G. G. Brewer, Clk.

Mr. Dalrymple submitted the following order; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table:

Ordered, That the committee on claims close the journal of accounts up to Monday, 21st inst. inclusive.

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ANNAPOLIS:  
Thursday, February 24, 1831.

The Legislature will probably adjourn the evening.

COMMUNICATED.  
**ABOLISHMENT OF IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT IN MARYLAND.**  
The Bill of the House of Delegates, for the passage of the act for abolishing imprisonment for debt from and after the fourth day of July next, on judgments for debts contracted at that date under thirty dollars.

The bill passed the senate last Thursday, Feb. 17—Ayes 10—Nays 2—viz.

AFFIRMATIVE.  
Messrs. Dennis, Harrison, Heath, Harter, Kennedy, Rice, Sewell, Smith, Thomas, Whiteley—10.

NEGATIVE.  
Messrs. Marshall, Frost, Forrest—3.

It was sent to the house of delegates on Monday morning, was read the first and second time, and by special order and rejected. Ayes 27—Nays 10. It was sent back to the house for reconsideration on Washington's birth day, with the following message:

Mr. Kennedy, off-red the following message, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By the Senate, Feb. 21, 1831.  
Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,  
The senate returns, and respectfully requests the reconsideration by your honorable body of the bill abolishing imprisonment for debt from and after the fourth day of July next, on judgments rendered by justices of the peace on any debt contracted after that date not exceeding thirty dollars.

The great and humane principle of abolishing imprisonment for debt, except in cases of fraud, alleged and proved, is rapidly gaining ground in the United States, and several of our sister states have passed laws on the subject, and the honour of Maryland it can be said that a female can be imprisoned for debt; and with regard to the cases of all insolvent debtors in Maryland, who petition the county court for relief, there is in fact no imprisonment for debt when the debtor assigns all his property to the benefit of his creditors, but it is well known that he who fails for thousands and tens of thousands, can get security more easily for his personal appearance at court, than the man who only owes a debt of a few dollars, and who he is unable to pay, and further, any application to the county court for the benefit of insolvent laws, is always attended with considerable cost, in many instances exceeding the amount of the debt, and it was with a view to relieve the unfortunate class of poor debtors that the senate passed the present bill, by an almost unanimous vote, and which the people of justice and humanity call for the present insolvent laws, as regards the debtors are a solemn mockery, they are now in the fifty two day imprisonment law, which is the very last act passed by the assembly of Maryland under the proprietary government, in the March session, seventeen hundred and twenty four, chapter twenty eight, and which more than forty years continued to be the law of Maryland, and by that act any debtor could not more than two hundred pounds, could be discharged from imprisonment by three justices of the peace, on surrendering property for the benefit of his creditors.

The senate therefore earnestly requests your honourable body will reconsider and pass the bill now returned, entitled, An act to abolish imprisonment for debt on certain judgments rendered by justices of the peace.

The house of delegates agreed to reconsider it, and the bill was passed. Ayes 27—Nays 10.

Imprisonment for debt where no fraud alleged and proved, may now be considered as abolished in Maryland, for on all sums above thirty dollars, when an insolvent debtor makes application to a judge of the county court or orphan's court for the benefit of the insolvent laws, and surrenders his property, he obtains a personal release without ever going into the door of a jail. This great and humane principle is gaining ground rapidly, at the last session a bill was before the senate for the abolishing imprisonment for debt, and received only two votes, viz. Messrs. Dennis and Kennedy. Now we have a bill passed in the same body by an almost unanimous vote.

Much credit is justly due to Richard Johnson of Kentucky, for his persevering exertions in congress in behalf of unfortunate debtors; his example has had a powerful effect in Maryland, and his principles will yet prevail, and he is much pleased with the conduct of our senate. The following is an extract of a letter from him to a member of that body, dated

City of Washington, February 20, 1831.  
"Your favour is just received, in which you announce the passage of the bill in your own



