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TUESDAY, JAN. 6, 1829.

Legislature of Maryland.

The Governor's Message occupies so much of this day's paper that we cannot possibly make room for more of the legislative proceedings than the following digest:

SENATE.—This body organized on last Tuesday and appointed Geo. Wm. H. Marriott, president; Lewis Gassaway, chief clerk; Joseph H. Nicholson, assistant clerk; Sam'l. Scott, jr. committee clerk; Andrew Sliver, messenger; and Sahil Peale, door keeper.

The HOUSE of DELEGATES organized on the same day and re-elected John G. Chapman, regular speaker, without opposition; Gideon Fearce, esq. chief clerk, do. Geo. G. Brewer, esq. assistant clerk, do. Gab. Grammer, sergeant at arms, and John Quinn, door keeper. *Committee Clerks*—Jas. H. Milburn, Benj. Seager, G. A. Farquhar, R. A. Bowie, and T. W. Watkins.

On last Thursday the Senate reported the following COMMITTEES:—

Ways and Means—Messrs Stevens, Done, Stewart of Baltimore, Hughlett, Gaither, McMahon of Allegany, Gale.

Grievances and Courts of Justice—Messrs. McMahon, of Balt. Turner, of Calvert; Gibbons, Eccleston, Blackistone, Buskirk, Johns.

Militia—Messrs. Stewart, of Balt. Hood, Duvel, Shriver, Donoho, Boyer, Willis.

Claims—Messrs. Beckett, Hooper, Stewart, of A. A. King, Kemp, Turpin, Smith, of Worcester.

Elections and Privileges—Messrs Watkins, Hawkins, Sneckett, Mitchell, Tue, Done, Hardcastle, of Dorchester.

Resolutions Finance—Messrs Rogerson, Price, of Baltimore, Billingsby, Willis, Dyson, Evans, Beatty.

Education—Travers, Stevens, Kent, Hinch, McPherson, Smith of Calv. Townsend.

Internal Improvements—Messrs. Lee, McMahon, of Balt. Shriver, Hughes, Spencer, Price, of Allegany.

Incident Lists—Messrs Gough, Ely, Gettings, Osborn, Miller, Smith, of Worcester, Pearson.

Dispersal—Turner, of Balt. Wright, Brown, Smith, Bonebrake, Dilly, Crabb.

Pecuniary Relief—Messrs. Grant, Hopkins, Shafer, Hardcastle, of Caroline, Marsh, Smith, of Cal.

Crimes and Punishments—Messrs Turner, of Calvert, Crabb, Bowles, Eccleston, Hitch, Stinchom, Hughes.

MESSAGE

of Joseph Kent, Esq. Governor, to the Legislature of Md.

Executive Department,
Annapolis, Dec. 31, 1828.

Gentlemen of the Senate and
of the House of Delegates,

It behoves us, as our first duty, when assembling as public agents, to discharge the high and important trusts confided to us under the Constitution, by our enlightened constituents, to offer our grateful thanks to the giver of all good, and the disposer of all human events, for the continuation of the unusual degree of health which we have enjoyed for the last year; and for the abundance with which we have been constantly blessed; and let us still rely on that never failing source of munificence, to direct and control us in the adoption of such measures as may be best calculated to promote the happiness and prosperity so peculiar to our country.

In our former communications we gave our opinions fully upon such topics of public interest as we supposed would then, with propriety, call the attention of the General Assembly; & we beg leave once more particularly to revert to two small amendments of the constitution, recommended at the commencement of the last session, calculated as we believe to facilitate the public business & to relieve the constitution from an awkward feature copied from our colonial condition.

Our government, instituted solely for the general good, ought to be plain and simple in its provisions; and in the attainment of this great first object we cannot be too cautious in avoiding all appearance of mystery and unnecessary parade.

The legislature will always be safe in adopting such amendments to the constitution as will not infringe upon their more appropriate duties of legislation. The interests of a growing community will unavoidably continue to add to the legitimate labours of the legislature, and without some such curtailment of their duties as we have taken the liberty of suggesting, will hereafter extend its sessions to a painful and oppressive length.

We shall forbear to trouble you with a minute detail of our proceedings under the laws and resolutions of the general assembly conferring authority upon us; and with the regards that all such laws and resolutions have been duly attended to, advance directly to the notice of subjects of most prominent interest.

We took great pleasure in forwarding to the family of the late col. Howard the resolutions adopted by the legislature expressive of their regret at his loss, & of the high sense in which they held his services & character. In these sentiments, equally honorable to the legislature & to the memory of a brave soldier & virtuous citizen the executive fully concurred.

During a long and useful life Col. Howard never committed an act which had a tendency to compromit those great principles for which he so bravely and conspicuously contended during the whole of that war, the successful termination of which, ranked us among the independent nations of the earth.

We are gratified to have it in our power to inform you, that during the last session of Congress a bill passed the Senate of the U. States, for refunding to this state the interest due on the money advanced on account of the general government, during the late war, which for the want of time, was not acted on by the house of representatives. In the course of the present winter we look with confidence to the national legislature to extend to this state a portion of long delayed justice. So trifling a sum, in the aggregate, as this, ought not to be a subject of long and tedious discussion, and certainly no pretext for doing so on the present occasion, can be given to any man who is a friend to the prosperity of our union. Maryland, with her fellow sisters, in the late war, with a zeal and patriotism, which will ever be a subject of just and high pride, to her children, poured out her treasure, and her blood, in the cause of her country, and in the cause of the rights of her sister states, and of the rights of all nations, and she has been, and she will be, ever ready to do her duty to her sister states, and to her country, and to the cause of rational liberty and independence, wherever it may be necessary to be done, and she will never, we hope, be found, wanting in the performance of any duty, which may be required of her, by her sister states, or by her country, in the cause of rational liberty and independence, wherever it may be necessary to be done, and we hope, that our sister states will always be ready to do their duty to us, and to our country, in the same cause, when it may be necessary to be done, for the cause of rational liberty and independence is the cause of all the states, and of our country, and it is the cause of all nations, and of all mankind, and it is the cause, which, we believe, the great Ruler of the universe, has ordained, that it should prevail, and triumph, over all its opposers, and we believe, that it will, and we hope, that it may, prevail, and triumph, over all its opposers, in our country, and throughout the world, and we believe, that it will, and we hope, that it may, prevail, and triumph, over all its opposers, in our country, and throughout the world, because we believe, that it is the cause of the Ruler of the universe, and we believe, that he will, and we hope, that he may, direct, and control, all things, and events, in the world, so far as they will answer, and subserve, his purposes, and we believe, that he will, and we hope, that he may, so direct, and control, the events, and the things