Mr. Sappington moved as a substitute an order, "that George Brewer be called in to act as assistant clerk pro tem.

Mr. Speed moved to postpone the consideration until Monday; negatived.

Mr. Peach moved to amend Mr. Sappington's order, by striking out the name of George Brewer and inserting Thomas Brice; negatived.

Mr. Edward Hughes proposed to amend the order, so as to read "that Mr. George Brewer, be appointed assistant clerk pro tem, he having signified his willingness to discharge the duties of that office without receiving therefor any pecuniary compensation in consideration of the peculiar relation in which his father now stands towards this house," resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Barnes the order was further amended, verbally—and ultimately passed after occasioning considerable debate.

The bill repealing the act which exempts servants of overseers of the county roads, in Dorchester county, from doing duty on said roads; passed the house of delegates.

Leave given to report Bills.

Mr. Ridgely, for altering the constitution respecting the manner of filling vacancies in the house of delegates:

Mr. Reyner, for the destruction of crows in the counties therein mentioned.

Mr. Winchester, respecting crimes and punishments.

Mr. J. W. Thomas, for the compensation of the brigade inspectors in the militia of this state.

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

For the Easton Gazette.

Honesty is the best Policy.

A TALE founded on real transactions.

In the winter of the year eighteen hundred and ten there lived in the village of Cambridge a Tradesman whom we shall designate by the name of Edward Simmons. He was a Shoemaker; and his family consisted of a wife and three or four small children: He was industrious and sober; and according to his limited means, and comparatively with other mechanics in the smaller grades of business, rather comfortably settled. He supported his little household by the labour of his hands; but like too many others employed in the manual occupations, was subjected to the inconvenience of dilatory payments on the part of his customers.

For a few years previous to this season he had resided in the country in a tenement to which a small lot of ground was attached, which he and his wife cultivated occasionally as their leisure permitted, or their necessities required. To persons thus conditioned the possession of the cow was naturally desirable: In addition to the benefit to themselves, she might be esteemed as an assistant nurse to the children.—He therefore endeavoured to procure one; and after some time succeeded: and the means of maintaining her were neither burdensome nor expensive; for, besides what the garden afforded, he dwelled in the neighbourhood of a kindly Landlord, who allowed her the opportunity of pasturage in his fields in the summer, and the privilege of feeding with his cattle in the winter. With these advantages she became a valuable member of the poor man's family, and a particular favorite.

Simmons, however, after a trial of two or three years, and as his family increased, found the business of his shop insufficient for their support: He thought, and perhaps a portion of ambition was mingled in the thought, that his situation was too retired for such an occupation to be productive of any gain; and he wished to remove into a town where the prospect of greater custom was more promising, and would probably be realized. The more he reflected upon this scheme, the more he desired to accomplish it; and he finally resolved to leave the country at the end of the year, and try his little fortune in Cambridge.

In preparing for this purpose he could not think of parting with his cow: She was a pet of the family; and moreover he considered her absolutely necessary to the subsistence of his children. On the first of January they removed their effects, and were settled in the village; and all the vegetables and provender which their garden had produced, and could be spared for this serviceable animal, were stowed away as securely as the convenience of their out house would allow; and a temporary shed of poles and brush wood was fitted up for her accommodation during the winter: The poor man had fondly flattered himself that her stock of provisions would serve her till the spring, when the return of verdure would supply her with pasturage on the commons.

But the store of provisions diminished daily, and unfortunately the season was unusually prolonged by its continued coldness and severity; and before the close of February her fund of forage was exhausted, and the valued animal in danger of perishing from want. Simmons saw her suffering situation, and the failure of his means to support her, with extreme uneasiness: Her loss to himself, her loss to his children, was a reflection which his mind could not endure. The balances of money due for his work in the country remained unsatisfied; and he had not the confidence to demand the pittances that were due to him in town: And he was yet too little known to expect a purchase of provender on credit. He was seized with despair; and for a moment forgot his occupation and all concern for his reputation. For a moment the cow was the dearest object of his affection; and he swore she should not perish: she had been as it were the faithful companion of his family for several years. had given milk and life to his children, and without her he could neither support them. nor live himself in peace. It is possible that to persons so precisely circumstanced, such reflections are not altogether unnatural: He, however, was completely influenced by them.

Just beyond the suburbs of the village there lived a substantial husbandman whom we shall designate by the name of John Mitchell. He had raised himself from small beginnings by his Industry and care; and with good management had acquired a convenient tract of land which he had well improved and made productive: He was a man of benevolent dispositions, though provident of his own acquisitions, and esteemed and respected by his neighbours. About his barn were standing several stacks of hay: these were very naturally objects of desire to those in want; and he apprehended that they had already attracted the notice of midnight travellers: so that he had occasionally thought it necessary to attend to their security.

Poor Simmons in an evil hour resolved to save the life of his Cow at the expense of Mr. Mitchell; and with this intention proceeded in the silence of the night to a stack standing near the barn which concealed it from the view of the dwelling house. But it so happened that Mr. Mitchell in the same evening had secreted himself there the better to discover trespassers and guard his property. The atmosphere was cloudy; but the fulness of the moon allowed sufficient light to enable him to perceive approaching bodies. He first heard the footsteps of a man rustling in the straw in the yard; and then discerned him standing by the stack. He watched him, and waited for a completion of the felony before he should take measures to arrest the felon. At length he heard the person speak; and with great surprize listened to the following self-discourse as the man proceeded in his purpose.

"Now, what shall I do? My poor cow "is all but on the lift, and we cannot live "without her: The owner of this hay "does not want it, and he will hardly miss "it: I *must* take some of it." He then pulled out an armful; and then hesitated. "But "this is wrong—to take another man's "goods is against law, and doing what we "would not wish others to do unto us: But "my poor cow will perish—poor thing—so "good natured—she has been like a second "mother to my little children—she comes "and licks my hand for food, and I have "none to give her: She *must* not—*shall* "not die." He then pulled out another armful; and again hesitated. "No—it "must not be—this is wrong—I cannot "take it—and they say that honesty is the "best policy: my poor cow must die—I "must submit to my misfortune—the poor "creature must die and my children suffer "—but honesty is the best policy." So saying he left the hay and departed: He returned slowly and mournfully to his dejected family. Mr. Mitchell knew the person by his voice, and most sincerely pitied his distress: He was sensibly affected by the tokens of an upright mind displayed by his conduct and discourse; & he resolved to relieve him and exemplify the truth of his maxim.

In the morning Simmons with a heavy heart repaired to his bench, and his wife, as she had usually done, went to the shed to take from her cow, perhaps, the last drainings of her udder. Just at this period Mr. Mitchell drove up to the house with a cart load of hay, and without much notice tilted it in the yard. Simmons, astonished and overjoyed at this unexpected supply, stepped up, and respectfully exclaimed to him—"Oh! Mr. Mitchell, I am a thousand "times obliged to you for this mighty fa-"vour; but I cannot tell how, or when, I "shall be able to pay you for it." 'Never "mind that,' replied Mr. Mitchell, 'we "shall settle that matter at some other time:' And leaving the house with his cart, without remonstrance or any other explanation, he added, "But, Edward, as long as you "live, remember, that *honesty is the best* "*policy.*"

SENEX.

Talbot co. Jan. 1st, 1827.

CONGRESS OF THE U. STATES.

A bill to authorise the importation of brandy in casks of a capacity of not less than fifteen gallons, has passed the house of representatives, and has been referred in senate to the committee on finance.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland from the committee to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Holmes of Maine, for diminishing the duty on salt, reported a bill for that purpose; which passed to a second reading.

The house of representatives have been discussing a bill to provide for the officers of the revolutionary army.

Mr. Little, from the select committee on the subject, reported an act fixing the ratio of representation after the 3d day of March, 1830, which was read twice in committee, made the order of the day for to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

This bill fixes the ratio at one representative to 60,000.

Mr. Little on reporting this bill, stated that it was the opinion of the committee to whom this subject was referred, that the ratio now fixed would give nearly the same number of representatives as we have under the present ratio. The committee were unwilling that this number should be increased beyond what it is at present. He was not quite clear, whether the ratio fixed by the bill would give precisely that number. But the bill was now reported in order to give gentlemen an opportunity of examining for themselves, and making their own calculations on the subject. To assist them in these calculations, he begged to state, that in a few days several tables which were in preparation, and which would illustrate the labors of the committee, would be submitted to the house.

Mr. Forsyth offered the following resolution, which lies one day on the table:

Resolved, That the president of the U. States be, and he is hereby, requested, if in his opinion not inconsistent with the public interest, to lay before this house a copy of the convention made between the United States and Great Britain relative to the mixed commission now sitting under the first article of the treaty of Ghent.

On motion of Mr. Drayton it was

Resolved, That the committee on commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the amount of drawbacks of duties for a longer period than is now fixed by law.

On motion of Mr. White of Florida, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the removal of the Florida Indians.

Easton Gazette.

EASTON, MD.

SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 13.

To make room for the Governor's Message we have been under the necessity of excluding several communications intended for this week's Gazette—they shall be attended to in our next.

Extract of a letter from Annapolis forwarded to the Editor.

"It is reported here that the result in the election of the Council is very different from what was intended by those who assumed to be master planners in that affair. The self appointed Dictators it seems, with becoming prudence, resolved to attempt no more than they thought they could do—therefore they resolved to let Mr. Gabby and Mr. Stuart alone, and as there were two vacancies to fill, they would bend all their force against Col. Martin the remaining member of the last years Council, and try to get their men into the vacancies. This required great manoeuvreing—The gentlemen of the house who were distinguished in old party times as belonging to the federal party, though not very numerous, are still numerous enough to be of vast importance and worthy to be gained. To open a negotiation for a bargain with them it was thought would never do, so expedients were the resort—Mr. Arnold E. Jones, a most respectable federal gentleman, was named at the instance of the Dictators, with a view of amusing the federal gentlemen, so as to draw them off from Col. Martin to take their man in his place, as a courteous return for the suggestion of Mr. Jones—and thus it was calculated, that Col. Martin and Mr. Jones would both fail, and Mr. William Hayward of Easton and Mr. Parker of Kent would be elected—But the scheme failed; the federal men took Col. Martin and Mr. Jones both together, and with the liberal and independent men of the House, elected them both to the mortification of the avowed opponents of the one and the pretended friends of the other—Mr. Scott, the other member, is here said to be a very clever man, and will be found to be a good appointment."

TREASURY OF MARYLAND.

The Treasurer of the Western Shore has submitted to the Legislature, his General report of the Receipts and Expenditures of this State during the past fiscal year, which ended on the first day of December 1826. The form in which the Treasurer is obliged to render this report, makes it inconvenient to insert it entire in the columns of a newspaper; we must therefore be content with taking a brief notice of the principal items of information which it contains.

RECEIPTS.

It appears from this report, that the whole amount of monies received into the treasury from the 1st of December 1825. to the 1st of December 1826, was 193,936 27. That there was a repayment.

on account of the contingent fund in the same year, of	100 19
And that the balance in the treasury on the 1st of December 1825, was	107,253 54½
Making the aggregate in the treasury that year,	301,290 00½

EXPENDITURES,

The expenditures from the first of December 1825, to the first of December 1826 were 198,005 72½

A sum which exceeded, in a small amount, the receipts for the same period. This sum, however, when deducted from the whole amount in the Treasury, left a balance therein, on the 1st day of December 1826, of 103 284 28¾

The fact that the Receipts have fallen short of the Expenditures, may be thus explained—The actual amount of revenue which *accrued* in 1826, had not all been paid into the treasury prior to the 1st of December last. We have drawn this conclusion, from having observed in Report No. 3, in which is given the *difference* between the revenues which had *accrued* and those which had been *received*, that the balance of the *accrued* revenue not received when the reports were made, amounted to $39,454 64. This sum added to the actual receipts, makes the revenue exceed the expenditures upwards of 35,000 dollars. The condition of the finances of the state, may, on the whole, be considered prosperous.—*Md. Gaz.*

In the recess of the Legislature the Executive appointed Enoch J. Millard Register of Wills for Saint Mary's county, and Daniel Schnebly Register of Wills for Washington county—These appointments were confirmed by the Legislature.

MARRIED

In this town on Monday last, by the Rev. Mr. Reed, Mr. John Ayler, to Miss Sarah Ann Downie, all of Queen Ann's county.

——— On the 27th ult. by the Rev. Daniel Davis, Mr. Samuel Green, to Miss Mary Lankford, all of Somerset county.

——— In Greensborough on Monday morning last by the Rev. James Smith of Kent County, Mr. John McKenny merchant of Church-hill Queen Ann's county, to Miss Maria A. daughter of the late Dr. John Merritt of Middletown, Delaware.

COMMUNICATED.

OBITUARY.

Departed this transitory life, at his residence near Greensborough, the 20th ult. Robert Baynard, from a disease not common, (the sore-abscess) with which he was confined 10 months, during which time he oft-times expressed a perfect resignation to the Divine Will, not long before his departure, he was speaking of dying and observed that all he feared was the sting of death; which clearly evinces to his surviving friends that his hope was cast within the vale, and beyond death he had a mansion in the skies, a building not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, where we have no doubt he is now enjoying that felicity which awaits the faithful, where he is perfectly freed from all pain and the polutions of this vain world, where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are forever at rest. He was a young man not exing 29 years of age and was much esteemed and respected by all who knew him, he has left six sisters and a large circle of relatives and acquaintances to lament his death.

MARYLAND,

Talbot County Orphans' Court,

21st day of December, A. D. 1826.

On application of Edward Auld, administrator of Joseph Parrott, late of Talbot county, deceased—It is ordered, that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that he cause the same to be published once in each week for the space of three successive weeks, in both of the newspapers printed in the town of Easton.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of proceedings of Talbot county Orphans' Court, I have hereunto set my hand, and the seal of my office affixed, this 21st day of December, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and twenty-six.

Test, JAS. PRICE, Reg'r.
of Wills for Talbot county.

In compliance with the above Order,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That the subscriber of Talbot county hath obtained from the Orphan's Court of said county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Joseph Parrott, late of Talbot county deceased; all persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof at the office of the Register of Wills, on or before the 23d of July next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 19th day of January, A. D. 1827.

EDWARD AULD, Adm'r.
of Joseph Parrott, dec'd.

Jan. 13 4w

Orphans' Court of Somerset county.

November 8th. 1826.

On application of Francis Waters, Executor of Francis H. Waters, late of Somerset county deceased—It is ordered, that he give the notice required by law, for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that he cause the same to be inserted once in each week for the space of three successive weeks in the Easton Gazette, and in one of the newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore.

Test, JAMES POLK, Regr.
of Wills for Somerset county.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE,

That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' court of Somerset county in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Francis H. Waters, late of Somerset county, deceased; all persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof, on or before the 15th day of July 1827. They may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 5th day of January, 1827.

FRANCIS WATERS, Ex'r.
of F. H. Waters, dec'd.

Jan. 13 3w

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That the subscriber of Worcester county hath obtained from the Orphan's Court of said county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of James Johnson, late of (Queponco) Worcester county deceased; all persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof to the subscriber, on or before the 1st day of April next, they may otherwise by law be exclued from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 1st day of January, A. D. 1827.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Jan. 13

WM. H. SMITH & WILSON SAULSBURY,

Wheel Wrights,

Beg leave to inform their friends and the public in general, that they have taken the wheel wright shop at the head of Washington Street, formerly occupied by Wm. H. Smith, where they carry on the above business in all its Various branches, under the firm of *Smith & Saulsbury*. They have on hand first quality seasoned timber, and are ready to execute any orders which they may be favoured with, in the best manner, either in making new or repairing old work, & where may be had, Waggons, Carts, Cart wheels, bodies, shafts, & axeltrees, ploughs, with or without irons, with every other article in their line, at the shortest notice and on reasonable terms.

WILLIAM H. SMITH.
WILSON SAULSBURY.

Easton Jan. 13 6w

Bank of Caroline.

The subscriber being the authorised agent of the late Bank of Caroline, gives notice that he will attend at Denton on the second and fourth Tuesdays in every month from this date, for the purpose of settling the business of said institution and earnestly requests those persons having balances on the books against them or otherwise indebted, to call and settle as the most speedy method will be resorted to, to close the concern—the few notes under a regular course of renewal, will fall due on the Tuesday after the first Monday in March next—Those neglecting to renew on that day will lose the opportunity to renew afterwards.

The President and Directors have declared a dividend of 4 per cent of the capital stock of said Bank payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives after the first day of December next.

JOHN BOON, *Agent*,
of the late Bank of Caroline.

Nov, 18 10w

MARYLAND:

Caroline county Orphans' Court.

The 9th day of January, 1827.

On application of William Hughlett, Administrator of James Hughes, late of Caroline county, deceased—It is ordered, that he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of three successive weeks, in one of the newspapers printed in Easton.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly and faithfully copied from the minutes of proceedings of the Orphans Court of the county aforesaid, I have hereto set my hand and the public seal of my office affixed, this 9th day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and twenty seven.

Test, JAS. SANGSTON, Regr.
of Wills for Caroline county

In compliance with the above order,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.

That the subscriber of Talbot county hath obtained from the Orphan's Court of Caroline county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of James Hughes, late of Caroline county deceased; all persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof to the subscriber on or before the 16th day of July next, or they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 9th day of January, A. D. 1827.

WILLIAM HUGHLETT, Adm'r.
of James Hughes, dec'd.

Jan. 13 3w.

AGRICULTURAL NOTICE.

The trustees of the Maryland Agricultural Society, will hold their next meeting, at the residence of George W. Nabb, Esq. in Easton, on Thursday the 25th inst.

Easton Jan. 13.

Millinary

AND MANTUA-MAKING.

Mrs. CHARLOTTE REARDON, respectfully informs the public, that she has taken the House lately occupied by Mr. John Camper, on Washington street, at the head of the point or landing road, where she intends to carry on with the assistance of Miss SUSAN ANN WILSON, the Millinary and Mantua Making, in all its variety.

The newest fashions will be procured to *suit all seasons*, and work shall be done with neatness and despatch.

Easton, Jan. 13 3w

N. B. Mrs. R. would accommodate a few genteel BOARDERS, on moderate terms.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office at Easton, Md. Jan. 1, 1827.

☞ Persons applying for letters on this list will please mention that they are advertised.

A
A. S. Anthony
B
Thomas Barrow
Jane Louisa Benny
Peoby Brown
Thomas P. Bennett 3
Mrs. Bell
Eliza M. Bromwell
John Bennett
William Benny
Rev. Thomas Bayne
C
Henrietta Clayland
Margaret Cox 2
Daniel Chezum
Joseph Collison
Louisa Cray
Rebecca H. Catrup 3
Ann Clark
Lewis Chamberlin
Thomas Catrup
Thomas Coward
Robert Covey
Henry Catrup
D
Damaris Davison
Capt. Josiah Davis
F
Capt. Farling
Richard Frisby
John Framptom
Sarah Fountain
Robert Fenwick
G
Orson Gore
William Grayless
Sophia Goldsborough
H
Bradford Harrison
John Henniss
Sally Harriss
Rebecca Hanson 3
John Hargon
William Hans
Lucretia D. Haddaway
Ann Hull
K
Ann Kuff
Johney Kemp
L
John Locardmon
Joseph Leddenham
Thomas Lednum
Mary Laws
M
William Mullikin
N
Mr. Nash 2
Ann Nice
Charlotte Nicols
Catharine Ann Nice
O
Jonathan Ozmant
P
M'Kinny Porter
Christopher Plummer
Sarah Pearce
R
Rev. Stuart Redman
William Rose
William P. Ridgaway
Elizabeth Redue
Sarah Rateliffe
S
Dr. John Stevens
John F. Sherwood
Martha Severe
Royston Skinner
Elizabeth Smith
Susan Seth
Elizabeth Spencer
Edward Spedden
T
John W. Thompson
Averner Turner
William R. Trippe
W
Susan Wilson
Margaret Wells
Sarah Willis
Moses Welch
Elizabeth Woolford
John Willis.

A. GRAHAM, P. M.

Jan. 6

To prevent trouble and disappointment the public are informed that the Post Office will be open every Sunday from 8 to 9 o'clock, A. M. & from 1 to 3 o'clock P. M. for the delivery of letters, and at no other hour on that day

A. G, p. m.

Farms For Sale.

The subscriber offers for sale two Tracts of LAND, formerly the property of and occupied by, Edmondson Maxwell, lying in Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, (Del.) on the main road leading from Frederica to Greensborough, about 10 miles from each place, and twelve from Camden, Containing, in the whole about six hundred acres, about one half well timbered. The cleared land is of a good quality, for the production of grain or grass; a large portion of it is meadow land. It is now occupied as two Farms; with tolerable buildings on each. They will be sold together or separate, as may be most desirable to purchasers. The terms will be made very accommodating.—Apply in Wilmington, to

JOHN GORDON.

Wilmington Jan. 6 3w

WANTED.

To hire or purchase a good blacksmith for whom a liberal price will be given.—Enquire at this office.

Jan 6.

NOTICE.

Those persons who are indebted to the subscriber for the services of the Stud Horse Young High Flyer, are requested to call on Mr. Jonathan Coburn in Easton, who is authorised to receive the amount due him—further indulgence cannot be given.

HENRY PICKERING.

Jan. 8

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