The adoption of this amendment may be considered as decisive of the fate of the bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.

In the Senate, yesterday, a bill was reported providing for the examination of sites in the Western country, with a view to the establishment of a National Armory. A bill was reported from the Committee on Finance, for appropriating one million of dollars, hereto authorized to be kept in the Treasury, to the purposes of the sinking Fund. The bill providing for taking evidence in the Courts of the United States in certain cases, which was amended in the House of Representatives, was taken up, and the amendments were agreed to. The bill providing for the gradual increase of the Navy, by appropriating thereto five hundred thousand dollars yearly, for six years, was read a second time, and made the order of the day for Friday next.

A copy of the convention lately negociated between the Government of the United States and Great Britain, on the subject of property taken away during the late war, was yesterday laid before the House of Representatives. A copy of it will be found in our report of the proceedings.—The House again resumed the consideration of the Bill making provision for the surviving officers of the army of the Revolution. Mr. Whitlesey moved to reconsider the vote of the preceding day by which Mr. Wickliffe's amendment was adopted, but the motion was negatived by a vote of 96 to 78. Mr. Woods, of Ohio, then moved to lay the bill on the table, but this motion was also rejected, as was a motion made by Mr Williams, to postpone the bill to the 3d of March. The bill was finally referred back, on motion of Mr. Burges, to the Committee of the whole, and made the order of day for to-day. The object is to increase the appropriation.

THURSDAY, Jan. 18.

In the Senate yesterday the bill for the relief of Polly Bell was discussed, and then laid on the table. The bill for the relief of Ebenezer Oliver & others, Directors of an association called the "New England Mississippi Land Company," was considered and supported by Mr. Robbins and Mr. Berrien, in speeches of some length. The bill making an appropriation for Revolutionary Officers and other pensioners of the United States, was read twice and ordered to a third reading.

In the House of Representatives yesterday the motion of Mr. Burges to take up the Bill making provision for the surviving officers of the Revolution was rejected. The House then on motion of Mr. Mallary went into committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, and took up the Bill for the alteration of the acts imposing duties on imports, when Mr. Mallary, in a lucid speech, which occupied near two hours, explained his own views, and those of the committee, in relation to our manufactures. On motion of Mr. Cambreleng the committee then rose and the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, Jan. 19, 1827.

In the Senate yesterday, the bill from the House of Representatives, granting a towuship of land for the support of a seminary of learning in the Territory of Arkansas, was reported without amendment. The bill from the House of Representatives making appropriations for the revolutionary and other pensioners of the United State, was read a third time and passed. The Bankrupt bill was taken up; the amendments adopted in the committee of the whole were agreed to provisionally; and the bill, as amended, was read by sections.

In the House of Representatives, yesterday, after the resolutions had been all offered, a brief discussion took place on the subject of the bill to alter the several acts imposing duties on imports. It was moved by Mr. Buchanan to discharge the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union from the further consideration of the bill, with a view to follow up the motion with another, to lay the bill on the table. Mr. Buchanan disclaimed any thing like hostility to the bill, but expressed his belief that at this advanced stage of the session the bill could not be passed. The discussion on the subject was cut short, before any vote was taken on the question, by a motion of Mr. Mercer to adjourn, in order that such members as might be so disposed should have the opportunity of giving their assistance to check the fire at Alexandria.

SATURDAY, Jan. 20.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Harrison, by unanimous consent, introduced a joint resolution for appropriating ten thousand dollars to the indigent sufferers by the late fire in Alexandria, to put in the hands of the Mayor of that city for distribution; which was read twice, considered and discussed in the Committee of the Whole, & then referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia. After spending an hour or two in the consideration of Executive business, the Senate adjourned over to Monday.

A message received yesterday from the President, by the House of Representatives, communicating a report from the Secretary of State, and the correspondence between Mr. Clay and Chevalier Huggens, on the subject of the discriminating duties exacted in the Netherlands, on importations in American vessels. The message and report are with the Congressional proceedings.

SPAIN, PORTUGAL, & ENGLAND

The annexed extracts will give the reader some idea of the sentiments entertained by the court of Madrid respecting the part which England acted in the concerns of Portugal, previously to the late embarkation of troops for the Peninsula. What feelings may influence Spain when she finds a British Army on her frontiers, it is difficult to determine; but from the present information it seems evident that she has begun the affair with a spirit by no means indicative of cowardice; and from which we infer that the matter will not be settled as easily as many of our cotemporaries imagine.

Extract of a letter dated

MADRID, Nov. 13.

"The multiplicity of couriers arriving and departing—the frequent conferences between the Foreign Ambassadors and our Ministers—and, in fact, every symptom of diplomatic movements, are presenting themselves before us; still mystery seems to involve the affairs of our Cabinet, though one thing is evident, that our Courts is on the eve of *declaring in favour of the* Portuguse Royalists. The protestations—nay, the menaces, of Mr. Lamb, have not induced our Monarch to deviate from a certain line of policy. It is probable that it will be intimated to the English Ambassador, that as England has began in favour of the innovations which have taken place in Portugal, Spain has every right to disapprove of them. And since the British Cabinet has thought proper to disembark troops at Lisbon, since she keeps a squadron in the Tagus, to which the Constitutionalists may retire when unsuccessful, the Cabinet of Madrid has equal right to assemble on our own territories, those men who come to seek an asylum against persecution and death; & if the army which has thus emigrated should think proper to go back to Portugal, why should we wrest their arms from their hands? The Spanish fortresses can afford the Portuguese Royalists the same protection that the English vessels afford the Liberals. So far things are equal."

Extract of another, same date.

* * * * * * "The news of the arrival of General Beresford at Lisbon has caused a great sensation among the Apostolics, who are, however, ignorant of the real object of his mission. They speak of nothing but war, and to do them justice, they are making every preparation in their power Already has General Longa, Capt. Gen. of Old Castile, who seconds the efforts of Gen. Silveyra, come from Valladolid to Zamora and Toro, to expedite the preparations of the troops of the latter. Two corps are organising in Old Castile, to carry anarchy and civil war into their country. Silveyra will have the command of one, and the other will be under the command of another deserter, the Governor of Almeyda. What is strange these forces will not act on behalf of Don Miguel, whose adherence to the Constitution has alenated his party. The expedition, which is to penetrate into Tras-os-Montes, will proclaim immediately, as absolute King of Portugal, the Infant Don Sebastain, son to the Dowager Princess of Beira, and Grand Friar of Castile of the order of St. John.—This Prince is now here with his mother, and her sister, the Infanta Dona Francisca d'Asis, who both encourage the enterprise with all their efforts, so that we shall soon see three Kings disputing for the crown of Portugal, Don Pedro in the centre of the empire, Don Miguel in the Algaraves, and Don Sebastian in the province of the Tras-o-Montes."

Balt. Gaz.

NORFOLK, Jan 13.

Outrage on American Citizens at Rio.

We learn from Capt. Hutchens, of the brig Midas, that a serious disturbance took place at Rio Janeiro, a few days previous to his sailing, in Nov. last, in consequence of the impressment of a man who represented himself to be an American.

A Midshipman of the U. S. Ship *Cayne* who was superintending some workman from the ship, in making or repairing a mast, while remonstrating with the pressgang against the impressment of American seamen, was violently assailed by the Commandant of the Arsenal, by a blow which nearly felled him to the ground; he instantly returned the compliment, and laid his assailant at his feet. During this affray the press-gang arrived with muskets bayonets, &c. attacked the Midshipman and beat him severely. Lieut. Levy, 1st of the Cayne, who came to the scene of conflict, was also wounded by the bayonets of the pressgang. Capt. Hutchins' Mate and 4 men were pressed by the gang; and the Captain of a Brig belonging to New-York was taken by these marauders, and carried beyond the suburbs of the town, all of them, however, were subsequently released.

Beacon.

From the Baltimore Patriot, Jan. 15.

EXCITEMENT IN THE MARKETS.

The news from England caused an unusual stir in the New York Market. The Daily Advertiser says, the spirit of speculation, which had been dormant for a long time was called into action. Great enquiry was made as to the nature of the news received. The advices as to various articles of merchandise were greedily sought for, and those which had experienced an improvement in England, were immediately speculated upon. Those most enquired for and in which any considerable transactions were made, are cotton, Flour, Flaxseed, Indigo, Cochineal and Ashes. Many other articles, such as Sugar, Naval Stores, &c. would have been speculated in, but the market is nearly bare of them. The news by the Florida reached New York by a pilot boat on Thursday night, and early on Friday morning several expresses were despatched to the Southern cities.

The news, it is said reached Baltimore on Saturday, by the expresses above noticed, and a large quantity of Flour was bought on New York account. We believe there is more safety in selling than buying on this occasion.

PARDONING PIRATES.

It is said, in Boston that Curtis, the accomplice of Marchant in the barbarous murder of the Captain and mate of the schooner Fairy, and who has lately been tried and sentenced to death, has been recognised as one of the pirates pardoned by Mr. Monroe during his administration.

Easton Gazette.

EASTON, Md.

SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 27.

We call the attention of our readers the piece signed "A Farmer" in to-days paper —it relates to a subject on which the people of this country are deeply interested.

From the National Journal of Jan. 19.

AWFUL CALAMITY IN ALEXANDRIA.

It is with feelings of the deepest concern and sympathy, we perform the painful duty of recording the calamity that befel our sister City Alexandria, yesterday.—An extensive and destructive conflagration has left the most populous & flourishing part of the City in ruins, and filled the bosoms of its inhabitants with grief and desolation. Many families that yesterday morning, offered up their daily thanksgiving for the blessings of food, raiment, and shelter, were in the evening, houseless and destitute—thrown, at this inclement season, upon the charities of neighbors almost as wretched as themselves, or left to wander amid the smouldering ruins of their late comfortable dwellings in hopeless misery. We have yet been able to collect but a very imperfect account of the extent of the calamity. The alarm of fire was given about nine in the morning, when it was discovered that a Cabinet maker's shop, in the interior of the square and near the intersection of King and Royal street, was in flames.—That house and 9 or 10 others, fronting on alleys were consumed, most of which were the back buildings of houses fronting on King and Fairfax streets. From these the fire extended to Fairfax street, consuming the wooden houses occupied by Mr. Hill as a turner's shop, Mr. Masterson as a shoemaker's shop, Mr. Brocchus as a merchant tailor and dwelling; then the five three story brick houses, occupied by Mr. Dodds, Shoemaker, and family; Dr. Hooper, druggist, and family; Capt, Johnson's family; one unoccupied, & Capt. Raeney's family; then three smaller brick tenements and several wooden ones; all these were on the west side of Fairfax street.—On the east side, two three story brick stores and dwellings were also consumed; one occupied as a whole sale dry good store by C. & J. P. Thompson, & dwelling & the other as a dwelling by Mr Robt. J T. Wilson. Here the fire was arrested on Fairfax street but in the meantime the blazing shingles had lighted the flames in Prince street, commencing at the intersection of that and Water street, sweeping every house on both sides from thence to Union street with the exception of one fire-proof warehouse, occupied by Mr. Miller as a leather store.

On Union street the ravages were checked north and south, and prevented from crossing the street to the east, thereby saving the most valuable property in the town lying on the wharves, where the shipping was completely rivetted by ice too strong to leave a hope of escape. On Prince street about thirty houses were burnt, many of which were brick but chiefly wooden, and on Union five or six fine Brick Warehouses were totally consumed The sufferers on these two streets, were Mr. Field Mr. Isabel, Mr. Horwell, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Smoot, Mr. May, Mr. Robison, Messrs Cohagen & Whittle, Mr. Shebee and many others.—The whole number of houses consumed are hastily estimated at between eighty or ninety. No correct calculation can be made in regard to value of property but it will not fall short of $150 000.

We are particularly desired to acknowledge the great obligation of the citizens of Alexandria to those of Washington and Georgetown, through whose exertions an immense amount of property was saved.

We have been obliged to defer the proceedings of the House of Representatives until our next. The most important business before that body, was the bill making an appropriation of $20,000 for the relief of the indigent sufferers by the late fire at Alexandria; which finally passed, by a vote of 109 to 67.

U. S. Telegraph.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan 23.

GIDEON PEARCE, Esq. was yesterday unanimously chosen chief clerk of the House of Delegates, vice, John Brewer, Esq. deceased.

George Brewer, Esq. was chosen assistant clerk in place of M. Pearce.

Mr. John W. Thomas' bill for altering the constitution as it relates to the method of electing the senate of this state, and to elect by the people one senator from each county and one from the city of Baltimore to serve for five years, passed the house of delegates yesterday by a large majority, and without debate.

Mr. Thomas' bill authorizing the Governor and Council to appoint inspectors of salt fish for the city of Baltimore, after a smart debate, passed the house of delegates on Thursday, by a large majority.

From *Virginia*, we learn, that, on Saturday the 13th inst. *John Tyler* was elected a Senator of the United States, for six years from the third day of March next, to succeed Mr. *Randolph*, whose term of service will then expire. The vote in joint ballot of the two branches of the Legislature, stood as follows: For *John Tyler*, 115; for *John Randolph*, 110; scattering, 2 votes. A wide latitude is said to have been taken in the debate on the nominations, and much heat to have been exhibited on both sides.—*Nat. Intel.*

The amount of Duties, paid by the Auctioneers of Philadelphia, during the last quarter, is $42,837, being $13,000 more than those of the preceding quarter.

CHESAPEAPEAKE AND DELAWARE CANAL.

So much interest is felt by all in this great public work, that there are few of our readers who will not be gratified to learn that the whole of the loan of 200,000 dollars asked for to prosecute it, was taken on Tuesday as soon as the books were opened, a considerable sum beyond that amount being offered.—

We have seen a letter written within a few days, by 2 Engineers of high reputation (unconnected with this work) who have lately examined the whole line of Canal. They speak both of its plan and prosecution in terms of decided approval; consider the mode of passing the low grounds as the best, if not the only one that could be adopted; and think that all material difficulties are overcome, and the prospect of completion within a reasonable period absolutely certain.—*Nat. Gaz.* of Jan. 20.

POSTAGE.—We notice that an order has passed the Legislature of Pennsylvania, for the postage incurred by Members during the Session to be paid out of the Treasury. A similar order has passed the House of Delegates of Maryland, which, to our minds, seems perfectly right. The public have but little idea how burthensome this has become to the members—many of them receive fifteen or twenty letters almost daily on the public account, which often amount to more than half their per diem. Such things are quite oppressive, and ought not to be borne.—Public servants are subject to many impositions, and we know of none more grievous than to have to attend to the onerous business of those who lack the good breeding to *pay postage* when asking a favor for themselves.—*Pat.*

A letter from London, of the 14th ult. say, "It is generally believed that France is at the bottom of the aggressions upon Portugal, not withstanding her protestations to the contrary. Judging from appearances, I should say we are likely to have a general stir on the continent, although many think the steps taken by ministers will be the only sure way to prevent it."

From Governor Clinton's message it appears that the debt created by the construction of the Erie and Champlain Canals and subsidiary works amounts to $7,944,770 90, paying an interest of six and five per cent. The interest on the whole $427,673 55 per annum; and the fund applicable to the extinguishment of this debt, will amount, this year to $1 057,587 46, viz: from tolls, $771 730 10; from auction duties, $200.737 84; salt duties, $77,405 33—other duties, $7,635 19.

MARRIED

On Thursday last by the Rev. Mr. Scull, Mr. Robert McNeal, to Miss Elizabeth Barton, all of this town.

—— On Monday last, by the Rev. Mr. Reed, Mr. Jesse Price, to Miss Susan Price, all of this county.

DIED

In this county, on Wednesday last, Mrs. Elizabeth, consort of Peter Webb, Esq.

Vendue.

By virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Talbot county, will be sold at public sale at the late residence of Thomas Meconekin, deceased, late of the county aforesaid, on Thursday the eighth day of February next, all of said deceased's personal estate, consisting of his household and kitchen furniture—also at his Ware Room, his stock of tools, benches, drawers, &c. new side boards, bureaus, tables, stands &c. a quantity of salted beef and pork, a hearse and harness, a laythe and tools, also a good stock of mahogany, walnut, poplar, & pine boards, and a quantity of scantling. The terms will be a credit of eight months, the purchaser to give note with approved security on all sums above five dollars—all sums of 5 dollars & under the cash will required, no property to be removed until the terms are complied with. JOHN D. GREEN, Admr.
of Thomas Meconekin, dec'd.

Jan. 27

NOTICE.

The Farmers of Talbot and all Citizens friendly to the interests of Agriculture are invited to meet at Easton on Tuesday the 6th of February next, at the Court House, at 12 o'clock, to take into consideration what course they ought to adopt in relation to the New Ordinance of Baltimore City compelling them to Sell their Corn at 55lbs. to the Bushel.

Jan. 27

NOTICE.

The mayor of the city of Baltimore having recently enforced an ordinance of the corporation, passed two or three years ago, which has remained a dead letter on their statute Book until lately, directing that all Indian Corn should be sold by weight, and not by measurement, as has been the custom heretofore, under penalties on sellers and buyers, and the said ordinance having established the standard bushel at 55 pounds, which is three or four pounds more than the usual weight of Indian Corn raised on the Eastern Shore generally. The farmers of Kent County are earnestly requested to meet in their respective Electoral Districts on Saturday the 20th instant, for the purpose of adopting such measures as they may deem necessary to protect their interests. It is proposed, that the sense of each district meeting should be expressed by a committee of seven, to convene in general committee in Chestertown on Wednesday the 24th inst. authorised and empowered to adopt such measures as said general committee may deem necessary.

Jan 19.

☞ In order that the Farmers on the Eastern Shore generally, may co-operate with their brethren of Kent County, the Editors of the Elkton Press, Centreville Times, Easton Gazette and Star, and the Cambridge Chronicle, are requested to give the above notice one insertion in their papers.

JUVENILE COTILION PARTY.

A Juvenile Cotilion Party will be held at Mr. Lowe's Assembly Room, on Friday the 2d of February next, at 6 o'clock, P. M. The Gentlemen of this and the adjoining counties are respectfully invited to attend. The company of Ladies will be solicited by especial invitation.

Jan. 27

MARYLAND:

Talbot county Orphan's Court,
29th day of December, A. D. 1826.

On application of William K. Lambdin, administrator of Joseph Haskins 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 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 29th day of December, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and twenty-six.

L. S.

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 Haskins, 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 to the subscriber on or before the 21st of August next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 26th day of December, A. D. 1826.

WM. K. LAMBDIN, Adm'r.
of Joseph Haskins, dec'd.

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MARYLAND:

Talbot county Orphans' Court,
22d day of January, A. D. 1827.

On application of Susan Collins, administratrix with the will annexed of William Collins, late of Talbot county, deceased—It is ordered, that she give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that she 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 22d day of January, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred & twenty seven.

L. S.

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

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE.

That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' court of Talbot county in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of William Collins, late of Talbot 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 21st day of August next. They may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 22d day of January, 1827.

SUSAN COLLINS, Adm'x.
of Wm. Collins, dec'd.

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MARYLAND:

Talbot county Orphan's Court,
15th day of January, A. D. 1827.

On application of Isaac Atkinson, admr. with the will annexed of Robt Kemp 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 15th day of January, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and twenty seven.

L. S.

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 Orphans' Court of said county in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Robert Kemp, 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 to the office of the Register of Wills, on or before the 21st August next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 15th day of January, A. D. 1827.

ISAAC ATKINSON, Adm'r.
of Robert Kemp, dec'd.

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STATE OF MARYLAND,

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, Reg'r.
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.

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