On motion by Mr. Samuel R. Smith, the bill from the senate, entitled, An act relating to the commissioners of the tax of Worcester county, was taken up, read the third time, considered and passed.

TUESDAY, Feb. 27.

On motion by Mr. Sulivane, the several gentlemen composing a deputation from the city of Baltimore, on the subject of the memorial from Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and others, praying the passage of "An act to incorporate The Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company," were invited and introduced to seats within the bar of the house.

An act to give the levy court of Caroline county certain discretionary powers therein mentioned.

An act to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Worcester county into election districts.

An act relating to the commissioners of the tax of Worcester county.

Several messages were this day received from the senate, by their clerk, returning the bills and resolutions, sent from this house for their concurrence therein, of the following titles, to wit.

An act to change and repeal so much of the constitution and form of government of this state as relates to the division of Queen Anne s county into election districts.

An act for draining a branch and the low lands at Parson's Creek and Tobacco Stick, in Dorchester county.

Bills of the following titles, were severally reported, to wit:

By Mr. Done, An act to revive and extend the provisions of an act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Salisbury, in Somerset and Worcester counties; which was read the first, and by special order, the second time, considered and passed.

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

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28.

Mr. Banning presented the petition of John Dorgan of Talbot county, praying for further remuneration, in consideration of his services, as a soldier during the Revolutionary war; referred to the standing committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Goldsborough, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of St. George E. Roberts, of Dorchester county, praying the suspension of a judgment in favour of the state against the estate of Roger Hooper, deceased; has taken the same into consideration, and beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That all proceedings on the judgment obtained against Roger Hooper, late of Dorchester county, deceased, be suspended, provided the said St. George E Roberts, as guardian of the infant children of said Hooper, or the executor or administrator of said Hooper shall pay, on or before the first day of December eighteen hundred and twenty seven, to the trustees in this case, the one half of the principal now due, and all the interest and costs, and the remainder of the principal and interest on or before the first day of December eighteen hundred and twenty eight.

Which was read the first, and by special order, the second time, and considered; the report was concurred in, and the accompanying resolution assented to, and sent to the senate for concurrence.

Bills of the following titles, were this day severally reported, to wit.

By Mr. Stevens, An act to change the road and divisional line between Queen Anne's and Caroline counties.

By Mr. Buchanan, An act to enable the trustees of county and other schools and academies to recover and obtain possession of the funds and other property and effects belonging to such schools and academies.

Several messages were received this day from the senate by their clerk, returning the bills and resolutions sent from this house for concurrence, of the following titles, to wit.

An act to authorise the securities of Charles Jones, late sheriff and collector of Somerset county, to collect balances due him.

An act to give the levy court of Caroline county certain discretionary powers therein mentioned.

Bills of the following titles, were severally reported, viz.

By Mr. Brown, An act to rebuild or repair a bridge at Federalsburgh, between Dorchester and Caroline counties; which bill was read the first, and by special order, the second time and considered.

On motion by Mr. Wright, the second section thereof, was amended by striking out "one dollar," in the tenth line of the section, and substituting therefor, "two dollars, as the compensation to be allowed the commissioners therein mentioned for their services," per day. The said bill was then passed, as amended.

On application by the chairman of the standing committee on ways and means, (who were, by an order of this house, adopted on the 26th instant, specially authorised to send for persons and documents, with a view to ascertain the sum estimated to be necessary to pay the debts, and complete the Washington Monument, as contemplated by the act of December session 1824, chapter 125,) subpœnas ad respondendum were severally issued by the speaker, attested by the clerk, and delivered to the sergeant at arms, to be served on the following persons, to wit: A subpœna duces tecum ad respondendum on David Winchester, esquire, of the city of Baltimore, treasurer of the board of managers of the Washington Monument, commanding him, personally to be and appear at the city of Annapolis, immediately, before the said committee, requiring that he bring with him, and produce to said committee, the record of the proceedings of the Managers of the Washington Monument, which have been had since January 1st, 1824, and also such papers as will exhibit the original design, the probable cost of executing the same. together with any modifications that time may have suggested to their adoption, and any communications which they may be pleased to make in reference to the subject generally; and also that he then and there answer all such questions, of and concerning the premises therein set forth, as the said committee may propound to him; and also subpœnas ad respondendum on Virgil Maxcy, esqr. of Anne Arundel county, and Fielding Lucas, junior, esquire, of the city of Baltimore, one of the managers of the Washington Monument, respectively, the tenor whereof are similar to the writ above recited, with the exception of the clause technically called the duces tecum.

And then the house adjourned until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, March 1.

The resolution and bills, passed by this house yesterday, of the following titles, were sent to the senate for their concurrence therein, to wit.

An act to rebuild or repair a bridge at Federalsburgh, between Dorchester and Caroline counties.

An act for the establishment of a road, and the condemnation of land for its repair, in Kent county.

On motion by Mr. Campbell, the following order, proposed by him, was also twice read and adopted, viz.

Ordered, That the committee of grievances and courts of justice report, as soon as practicable, upon the memorial and remonstrance of John A. Robinson, Esqr. of Kent county, complaining of a breach of his civil and professional privileges, by the judges of the sixth judicial district of this state.

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

FRIDAY, March 2.

The message, agreed to yesterday, relative to a bill authorising the governor and council of this state, to appoint inspectors of salted fish, for the city of Baltimore, & the bill, passed by this house yesterday, entitled, An act to regulate the issuing of licenses to the keepers of ordinaries, and retailers of spirituous liquors, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Banning offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Mrs. Harriet Bennett, widow of the late Thomas P. Bennett, Esq. a member of this house, or to her order, whatever sum may be due him on the journal of accounts.

Which being twice read, by a special order, was unanimously assented to, and sent to the senate for their concurrence therein.

Several messages were this day received from the senate, by their clerk, returning the bills and resolutions sent from this house for concurrence, of the following titles, to wit:

An act incorporating the Master and Wardens of Clinton Lodge, number eighty three, of Free and Accepted Masons, for the purposes therein mentioned.

A resolution in favour of Nehemiah Beckwith, of Dorchester county.

A resolution in favour of George Price, a revolutionary soldier.

A resolution in favour of Gideon Gambrel, of Caroline county.

A resolution in favour of Mrs. Harriet Bennett, widow of Thomas P. Bennett, Esq late a member of the house of delegates. Severally endorsed, 'assented to.'

Whereupon it was ordered, That the said bills and resolutions be severally engrossed.

By Mr Saulsbury, the petition of sundry citizens of Caroline county, praying the passage of an act authorising the judges of elections in said county to close the polls of elections hereafter to be held therein, at 5 instead of 6 o clock P. M. referred to the standing committee on elections and privileges; also,

By Mr. Saulsbury, the counter memorial of sundry citizens of Caroline county, praying that the divisional line between the middle and lower election districts of said county, may not be altered; referred o the committee to whom was referred the petition to which it is counter.

By Mr. Dennis, An act to alter the mode of appointing commissioners of the tax for Somerset county.

Which bill was read the first and, by special order, the second time, considered and passed, without amendment.

Mr. Dennis, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was twice read and concurred in, viz.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county praying the passage of an act for the revaluation of the real and personal property in said county, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and deem it inexpedient at this time to legislate thereon, in as much as many of the counties in the state have not had a revaluation of property for some years & as a new and uniform assessment law throughout this state is contemplated at the next session of the legislature, your committee therefore think that the injury and injustice, under which the citizens of Somerset now labour, as set forth in their petition, will be more than compensated by postponing the matter for one year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The bills, of the following titles, were severally read the second time, considered and passed without amendment, to wit:

Reported by Mr. Keene, An act to authorise the levy court of Caroline county to build a bridge, and open certain roads in said county, and for other purposes.

Reported by Mr. Stevens, An act to change the road and divisional line between Queen Anne's and Caroline counties.

The bill, reported by Mr. Slemaker, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one, the several acts of assembly relating to the public roads in Worcester county, passed at November session 1821, was then again taken up and read. In the progress of reading this bill, on motion by Mr. Samuel R. Smith, the first section thereof was so amended, by striking out the word 'two,' in the sixth line of that section, and inserting in lieu thereof, 'three,' as to rescind the amendment made on the 27th ultimo, on the motion of Mr. Hitch. The bill so amended, was passed.

And the house then adjourned until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, March 3.

The bills passed by this house yesterday evening, of the following titles, were sent to the senate for their concurrence therein, to wit:

An act to change the name of William Connelly, of Dorchester county, to that of William Smoot.

An act to alter the mode of appointing commissioners of the tax for Somerset county.

An act to authorise the levy court of Caroline county to build a bridge and open certain roads in said county, and for other purposes.

An act to change the road and divisional line between Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties.

A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to amend and reduce into one, the several acts of assembly relating to the public roads in Worcester county passed at November session 1821.

Mr. Dennis presented the memorial of Jesse Hughes, William Roach, Daniel Ballard and Arnold E. Jones, commissioners appointed to cede the territorial jurisdiction of the state, at Smith's Island, in Cajey's Streights, in Somerset county, for the erection of a light house thereon, praying compensation for their services and expenses necessarily incurred thereby; referred to the committee on claims.

The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Harriet Wright, of Queen Anne's county, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore, be and he is hereby directed, to pay to Elizabeth Harriet Wright, of Queen Anne's county, or to her order, during life, in half yearly payments, a sum of money equal to the half pay of a captain, as a further remuneration for her late husband, Robert Wright's services, during the revolutionary war.

The house then adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

CONGRESS.

From the National Journal.

MONDAY, Feb. 26.

In the Senate, on Saturday, the report and resolution from the Select Committee on French spoliations prior to the year 1800, was taken up, and postponed to Tuesday, and made the order of the day for that day. The colonial trade bill was resumed the motion of Mr. Smith, of Md. to strike out the whole bill after the enacting clause and to substitute other provisions, still pending The discussion was continued with great animation, by Messrs. Smith of Md Berrien, Van Buren, Woodbury, Johnston, of La. and others. Mr. Smith's motion was then carried—ayes 29, nays 19.

In the House of Representatives, on Saturday, Mr. Houston concluded his remarks in support of the resolution of Mr. Saunders, the rule having been suspended which confines the discussion on motions and resolutions to a single hour. Mr. Wright rose in reply, when the Speaker put an end to the discussion. The bills which had passed through committee on the preceding day were then read a third time and passed. The House then went into committee of the whole on the bill for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road. As this bill was reported, it contained a provision regulating the tolls and appropriating 45,000 dollars for the repair and preservation of the road. Mr. Barney moved a substitute for this bill, which merely appropriated 50 000 dollars for the repair of the road, and left the disputed question as to the power of Congress to erect toll gates, and collect tolls in the State, until next session. This was adopted in committee, but in the House the appropriation was reduced to 30,000 dollars. The substitute was supported by all the friends of the bill, & by some who are opposed to the erection of toll gates: and there is no doubt that this compromise, by preventing a long discussion of constitutional power, ensured the passage of the bill through the House. The House came to a resolution to take a daily recess from 4 to 6 o'clock, during the remainder of the session.

TUESDAY, Feb. 27.

In the senate, yesterday, the Committee on the Militia reported the bill for the adoption of a system of artillery, cavalry, and infantry exercise. The bill for the establishment of certain Post Offices and Post Roads was as amended, ordered to a third reading. The bill making appropriations for the support of the Government during the year 1827, was as amended ordered to a third reading.

The Senate passed two hours and a half in the consideration of Executive business.

The bill making appropriations for the military service of the United States during the year 1827 was taken up and amended.

The motion of Mr. Chandler to strike out the provision for the payment of the Georgia militia claim for services rendered during the years 1792, '93 and '94, after much debate was rejected.

In the House of Representatives yesterday, some discussion took place on the passage of the Cumberland Road Bill, which was finally passed, (the Ayes and Noes being taken,) by a vote of 112 to 62. Mr. Tomlinson, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, opened the discussion on the bill to regulate the trade with the British Colonies, in a very succinct and able view of the commercial policy of Great Britain, its influence on the United States and the course which a regard to our interests calls upon us to adopt. We can only give a very brief abstract of his remarks which we shall take pleasure in giving at length hereafter.

At the evening session, several private bills passed through Committee, among which was the bill to provide for the settlement of claims under the Florida Treaty which was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to day.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28.

In the Senate, yesterday, the bill for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland Road was twice read and referred. The bill to amend the act regulating the Post Office Department was, as amended, ordered to a third reading. The bill making appropriations for the support of the Government, for the year 1827, was read a third time and passed. Mr. Dickerson made an unsuccessful effort to take up the Woollens Bill. The bill making appropriations for the Military service of the United States was, after much discussion, ordered to a third reading. The bill for the adjustment of claims of persons entitled to indemnification under the first article of the treaty of Ghent, was, as amended, ordered to a third reading.

In the House of Representatives yesterday, the discussion on the resolution offered by Mr. Saunders was superseded by a discussion on the resolution offered on the preceding day by Mr. Dwight, relative to the accounts of Mr. Adams, while a minister in Europe. The discussion on this subject had not terminated, when the expiration of the hour caused a suspension of the debate. The committee on Public Lands made a report on the charges preferred against Mr. Graham, the Commissioner of the General Land Office by John Wilson, which entirely acquitted Mr. Graham of all the charges. The house then resolved itself into committee of the whole on the state of the Union, when the Colonial bill was again discussed. Mr. Mallary having moved to amend the bill in the fifth line of the first section, by inserting the words "by sea," Mr. Pearce and Mr. Cambreleng opposed the amendment, and Mr. Strong advocated it. The House then took a recess till six o'clock.

After the recess, the discussion on the Colonial bill was resumed, when the amendment of Mr. Mallary was agreed to. The committee then rose, and reported the bill as amended. The first amendment, inserting the words "by sea," was then disagreed to, but before any other proceedings were taken, the house adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 1.

In the Senate, yesterday, the Colonial Trade bill was taken up and further discussed. Several amendments were offered & rejected. The amendment offered by Mr. Smith, of Md. as modified on motion of Mr Woodbury was carried; ayes 32, noes 10. The several appropriation bills received from the other House were passed.—Many private bills were also passed. The Woollens bill came up, in course, as a special order, and on motion of Mr. Hayne to lay it on the table, there was a *tie*, ayes 20 noes 20, when the Chair gave the casting vote in the affirmative. The bill to increase the pay and rations of Lieutenants, passed midshipmen, and Surgeons of the United States Navy, was after some discussion laid on the table. The Senate agreed to insist upon their amendment to the military appropriation bill, striking out the restriction of the allowance of double rations to officers in the actual command of posts and garrisons, which amendment had been disagreed to by the other House.

In the House of Representatives yesterday, Mr. Wright resumed his observations on the Resolution of Mr. Saunders, but had not concluded them, when the expiration of the hour compelled him to desist before he had concluded. The House then resumed the consideration of the Colonial Trade Bill, which was terminated by a motion of Mr. Tomlinson, to lay it on the table, in consequence of the Bill on the subject being received from the Senate which can be acted on this day and to morrow. The Bill making appropriations for certain Indian Treaties, and the Bills for the erection of light houses and improvement of harbours, were passed.

In the evening session, the Resolution offered by Mr. Everett relative to the purchase of the medals of Gen. Washington was taken up, and having met with some opposition, was, on motion of Mr. Everett again laid on the table. The House then passed some private bills; but finding, about half past nine o'clock, that the Senate had adjourned, the House also adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 2.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Benton, from the Select Committee to whom were referred the messages of the President of the United States of the 5th and 8th ult. respecting Georgia and the Creek Indians, made a report thereon, accompanied by a resolution, requesting the President to continue his exertions to procure the extinction of the Indian title to lands within the chartered limits of Georgia.

A number of private bills from the House were passed.

The bills making appropriations for the Naval service, for the Indian Department, and for the preservation and repair of the Cumberland road, were passed.

The bill for laying out and opening sundry roads in the Territory of Michigan, and the bill making appropriations for the public buildings, were discussed and laid on the table.

The Vice President gave notice that he should, according to usage, leave the chair to morrow at 12 o'clock.

In the House of Representatives yesterday, the discussion on the resolution of Mr. Saunders was suspended by the length of the morning business. The House receded from its disagreement to the vote of the Senate, insisting on its amendment to strike out the proviso inserted in the House, in relation to double rations; so that the proviso was stricken out. The bill for the gradual increase of the navy was taken up, discussed in Committee, and engrossed and read a third time, with amendments, among which is one striking out the appropriation for a Naval Academy, by a vote of 86 to 78. The bill from the Senate appointing Commissioners under the late Convention with Great Britain was passed with an amendment. The bill to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks was passed with an amendment.

SATURDAY, March 3.

Many bills were passed in both houses yesterday In the Senate, the Vice President left the chair, and Mr Macon was elected President of the Senate; *pro tempore*.—The Senate disagreed to the amendments to the Colonial Trade Bill, made by the House of Representatives, and both Houses having insisted, a committee of conference was appointed, who were unable to make any arrangement.—As the joint resolution which requires that bills shall not be presented to the President of the United States for signature on the last day of the session, has been suspended as to those bills which may pass both Houses before 12 o'clock to morrow, there is reason to believe that the bill may still pass in some form Both Houses were in session about two o'clock this morning.

GEORGIA AND THE U STATES.

The Milledgeville Journal of the 20th February contains the following official papers.

Executive Department, Geo,
Milledgeville 17th Feb. 1827.

Sir—I received this afternoon from Lieut. Vinton, your letter of the 29th ult. and read within the same hour both it and the copy of it as published in the National Intelligencer of the 7th instant. No room was left to mistake the meaning of this despatch.—Lieut. Vinton announced himself, in an introductory note, a copy of which is herewith transmitted, as the Aid of the Commanding General; & you are sufficiently explicit as to the means by which you propose to carry your resolution into effect.—Thus the military character of the menance is established, and I am only at liberty to give to it the defiance which it merits. You will distinctly understand, therefore, that I feel it to be my duty to resist to the utmost any military attack which the Government of the United States shall think proper to make on the territory the people, or the sovereignty of Georgia, and all the measures necessary to the performance of this duty, according to our limited means; are in progress. From the first decisive act of hostility, you will be considered and treated as a public enemy, and with the less repugnance, because you to whom we might constitutionally have appealed for our own defence against invasion, are yourselves the invaders, and what is more, the unblushing allies of the savages whose cause you have adopted.

You have referred me for the rule of my conduct to the Treaty of Washington, 'which, like all other Treaties, which have received the constitutional sanction is among the supreme laws of the land,' and which the President is therefore bound to carry into effect, 'by all the means under his control.' In turn, I take the liberty to refer you to a Treaty of prior date and prior ratification, concluded at the Indian Springs, a copy of the Proclamation of which under the sign manual of the President, I have the honor to inclose.—On a comparison of dates the President may think proper to remind the Congress that the old grant claims preference of the new, and that when vested rights have passed, the old Treaty, like the old grant has preference of the new.

You have deemed it necessary to the personal safety of Lieut. Vinton, to impose on him the injunction of profound secrecy in the execution of your orders, whilst you cause to be published at Washington the very instructions which disclosed those orders and enjoin that secrecy, and which in fact reached this place by the public prints even before Lieut. Vinton had had an opportunity to deliver your despatch. You mistake the character of the people of Georgia. Officers of the United States engaged in the performance of their lawful duties have only to deport themselves as gentleman, to find the same security and protection in Georgia, as under the ægis of the government at Washington.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant.

G. M. TROUP.

HON. JAMES BARBOUR,
Secretary of War.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Geo.
Milledgeville, 17th Feb. 1827.

ORDERED, That the Attorney and Solicitors General of this State, in every instance of complaint made of the ar-

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