it will stand adjourned until to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

And the house then accordingly adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Boon, Fitzhugh, Tilghman, Mercer, Hawkins, Duvall and Lloyd, as the standing committee on agriculture, pursuant to the order of the house adopted yesterday.

Mr. Stevens, chairman of the select committee to which was referred the bill from the senate, entitled, An act to secure Henry Hindeman, of Queen Anne's county an annuity in the real estate therein mentioned reported the same without amendment.

The bill was then read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate, delivered the following message; which was read:

By the Senate, Feb. 26.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate have had under consideration the bill passed by your honourable body, entitled, An act to regulate sales by public auction, and having objections to it in its present shape, which the senate cannot constitutionally obviate by amendment, & believing that the auction duties, if judiciously regulated, may form an important item in a general system of revenue, the senate respectfully propose the appointment of a committee of conference upon the bill and name on the part of the senate Messrs Thomas, Lloyd, Herbert, Heath and Johnson

Mr. Semmes offered the following message for consideration:

By the House of Delegates Feb. 27.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We agree to the proposition contained in your message for a committee of conference upon the bill, entitled, An act to regulate sales by public auction, and have apointed Messrs.————, to meet the gentlemen named by you.

Which being twice read, and the blank therein filled with the names of Messrs. Semmes, Teackle, Potter Fitzhugh, Tilghman Steuart of Baltimore city, and Tanney, it was agreed to.

Pursuant to the order adopted by this house on yesterday, the house then adjourned until this evening five o'clock.

Wednesday Evening five o'clock,
February 27.

The house met, pursuant to adjournment. Were present the same members as in the morning

Bills of the following titles were this evening severally reported:

By Mr. Commegys, An act to incorporate the trustees of the Millington Academy, in Kent county. And,

By Mr. Martin, An act to incorporate the town commonly called and known by the name of The Trappe, in Talbot county.

Which said bills were severally read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Golsborough, the house proceeded to consider the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to ascertain and establish the termination of the main road leading from William J Ford's store in Dorchester county, at a place called and known by the name of Castle Haven, the property of Levin Jones, of said county; and having been read the second time, the said bill was passed without amendment.

The bill reported by Mr Donoho, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Somerset county, to contract for the removal of certain obstructions in Barren, Rewastico, Quantico and Wetipquin creeks and their several branches, and to levy the expenses there of upon the said county.

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

THURSDAY Feb. 28

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

And the several bills, passed by this house yesterday evening, were sent to the senate for concurrence, the titles whereof, are as follow:

An act to ascertain and establish the termination of the main road leading from William J. Ford's Store, in Dorchester county at a place called and known by the name of Castle Haven, the property of Levin Jones, of said county.

An act for the benefit of Maria Seth, of Queen Anne's county.

An act to authorise the levy court of Somerset county, to contract for the removal of certain obstructions in Barren, Rewastico, Quantico and Wetipquin creeks, and their several branches, and to levy the expenses thereof upon the said county.

The committee of conference appointed on the part of the house of delegates, to meet the committee on the part of the senate, beg leave respectfully to report— That in conformity with the instructions of the two houses, the joint committee have had under consideration the bill, which originated in the house of delegates, entitled, An act to regulate sales by public auction, and after mature consideration have unanimously agreed upon the principles of a bill, which will be submitted to the two houses.

By order, J. S. Smith, Clk.

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon, the several other orders of the day, entitled to a preference, were postponed, for the purpose of taking up for consideration, the bill which was made the order of the day for Friday the 22d instant, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the promotion of internal improvement. When

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole house on the said bill, and, after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Banning, the chairman, reported that the said committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration. and adopted sundry amendments thereto, which he was directed to report, with said bill, to the house. Which amendments were read, and severally concurred in by the house.

The house then proceeded to consider said bill, as amended, and in the progress of the second reading thereof,

On motion by Mr. Hughes, of Montgomery, the question was taken, Will the house aggree to amend the first section of said bill, by striking out so much thereof as repeals the act authorising a subscription of five hundred thousand dollars to the Maryland Canal? And it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Lee offered the following amendment, as an additional section, to come in at the end of the bill, viz:

And be it enacted, That the treasurer of the western shore be authorised and directed to issue a stock in the manner herein before provided, to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, and vest the same in stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; provided the commissioners appointed to open books for the subscription of stock in said company, shall agree to take the stock herein directed to be issued; any provision of any former law to the contrary notwithstanding.

And, on the question, Will the house agree to said amendment? It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred and was propounded, Shall the said bill pass, as amended? The yeas and nays, being required by seven members, were taken and appeared as follow:

Affirmative 45—Negative 23.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On application of Mr. Hitch, whilst calling the yeas and nays, he was excused from voting on the question last stated.

The clerk of the senate returned the bills, sent to that body for concurrence, of the following titles:

An act relating to sales of sheriffs, coroners, elisors, and other officers.

An act to incorporate a company for the establishment of a literary, scientific & military academy in Baltimore county; severally endorsed, "will not pass."

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

FRIDAY, Feb. 29.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill passed by this house yesterday, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the promotion of internal improvement was sent to the senate for concurrence.

Mr. Banning, having asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled, An act for the better distribution of the school funds appropriated for Talbot county,

It was, on his motion, Ordered, That a select committee, consisting of three members, be appointed to prepare and report the same. Whereupon, Messrs. Banning, Millis and Teackle, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Sellman, offered the following order for consideration, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz

Ordered, That the committee on agriculture be instructed to report to this house what kind of wheat they consider best adapted to the soil of Maryland, and most likely to resist the ravages of the Hessian Fly; also to inquire into the nature and origin of said insect; that the committee be further instructed to report upon the propriety of reducing the price of the inspection of tobacco.

Mr. Goldsborough, chairman of the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz:

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-eight, 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-nine.

The amendment proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Caroline county to make sale of part of the public land in the village of Denton, in said county, was read the second time, and dissented from.

On motion by Mr Orrell, the following message, offered by him, was twice read, agreed to, and, with the bill to which it relates, sent to the senate, viz

By the House of Delegates, Feb 29, 1828.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Caroline county, to make sale of part of the public lands, in the village of Denton, in Caroline county, with the amendment proposed by your honourable body. We cannot see the propriety of adopting your amendment, as it would subject the inhabitants of Caroline county, to pay a second time, for the property proposed to be sold; we refer your honourable body, to the act of seventeen hundred and ninety, chapter eleven, wherein you will find that the property proposed to be sold, was solemnly condemned, on the oath of twelve good and lawful men, and the original owner paid for the same; we submit to your honours whether it is right, that this property should be paid for a second time, to the original owner who has once received the value of the same; the proposed clause goes further, it subjects the inhabitants of the county, to pay for any improvements that may hereafter be put on the same.

On motion by Mr. Donoho, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to establish magistrates' courts in the several counties of this state, for the trial of assaults, and of assaults and batteries, was made the order of the day for Wednesday next, the fifth proximo.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the house proceeded to the consideration of the engrossed bill, entitled, An act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this state.

On motion by Mr. Hope, seconded by Messrs. Hughes, of Montgomery, & Hughes of Charles, who voted with him in the majority on the question, the house agreed to reconsider its decision of Wednesday last, concurring in the amendment proposed by the committee of the whole house, as an additional section of the said bill, and which was then inserted as the 41st section, in the following words:

"And be it enacted, That out of the funds to be raised by this act, the sum of twenty thousand dollars after the first year, be and the same is hereby annually appropriated for ever to the support and maintenance of free schools in the several counties in this state."

When, on motion by Mr. Dennis, the question was propounded, will the house agree that the said section be stricken out? And the yeas and nays, being required by seven members, were taken and appeared as follow:

Affirmative, 30—Negative 37.

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Dennis then moved to modify and amend said section, by striking out after the words, "And be it enacted, That," the words, "out of the funds; and inserting in lieu thereof, the following: "after defraying the current expenses of the government, in connexion with the ordinary revenue of this state, twenty thousand dollars of the surplus funds, (if any,") and by striking out the words, "the sum of twenty thousand dollars," in the second line, and also the word, "forever," in the third line of said section,

And, on the question, Will the house agree to the modification and amendment proposed by Mr. Dennis as above? It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, of Cecil, the following amendment, as an additional section, to come in immediately after the 41st section, of the bill, was twice read and agreed to, viz:

"And be it enacted, that nothing contained in this act shall be so taken or construed as to authorise any tax to be levied on any seine or other implements of fishermen, whether the same are actually employed at the time the assessment is made, or not."

Mr. Thomas, of Cecil, also offered the following amendment, as an additional section, to come in immediately after the above amendment, viz.

"And be it enacted That nothing herein contained shall be so understood as to authorise any tax to be levied upon any fish at the time that the fishermen may be employed in catching, salting and packing the same."

On motion by Mr. Potter, the said amendment was amended, by adding at the end thereof, the words, "or while they remain in their possession unsold."

The said amendment, so amended, was then adopted.

The said bill having been read through, the question was propounded, Shall the bill pass, as amended?

The yeas and nays, being required by seven members, were taken and appeared as follow:

Affirmative 46—Negative 25.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Goldsborough from the joint committee on engrossed bills, delivered the following report; which was twice read and concurred with, viz

The joint committee on engrossed bills, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined and compared the engrossed bills of the house of delegates, designated from number one to number fifty-seven, inclusive, and from number seventy-four to number ninety one, inclusive, and also the engrossed bills of the senate designated from number fifty eight to number seventy-three, inclusive, and also by the number ninety-two and the number ninety-three, with the originals thereof, as heretofore passed by both branches of the legislature since the commencement of the present session, and that they have found the same to be truly engrossed. Respectfully submitted. By order,

Benjamin Seegar, Clk.

The engrossed bills of this house, from number one to number fifty-seven, inclusive, and from number seventy-four to number ninety-one, inclusive, were then severally read, assented to, and, with the originals thereof, as heretofore passed by both branches of the legislature, since the commencement of the present session, were sent, by the clerk, to the senate for their concurrence therein.

The clerk of the senate returned the bills of the following titles:

An act relating to the public roads, in Talbot county. And,

An act authorising the orphans court of Cecil county to appoint a guardian to sell and convey the property of Allen Wilson; severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments."

The amendments, proposed by the senate to each of said bills, were then severally read the first, and by a special order the second time, and assented to.

An act to authorise the levy court of Somerset county, to contract for the removal of certain obstructions in Barren, Rewastico Quantico and Wetipquin creeks, and their several branches, and to levy the expenses thereof upon said county; endorsed, "will pass."

The clerk of the senate also returned the engrossed bills of this house, from number one to number fifty seven, both inclusive, and from number seventy-four to number ninety-one, both inclusive, with the originals thereof, as aforesaid, which were sent from this house, as above mentioned; severally endorsed, "read and assented to by the senate."

And delivered the engrossed bills of the senate, from number fifty-eight to number seventy-three, both inclusive, and also number ninety-two and number ninety-three, with the originals thereof, as heretofore passed by both branches of the legislature, since the commencement of the present session; which said engrossed bills, having been severally read and assented to by that body, were also severally read and assented to by this house; and, with the originals thereof as aforesaid, were then returned, by the clerk, to the senate,

Friday Evening, five o'clock, Feb. 29.

On motion by Mr. Ely, the house proceeded to consider the bill, reported by him, entitled, An act to incorporate the Franklin Turnpike Road Company.

The said bill having been read through, and amended, was passed.

On motion by Mr. Martin, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to incorporate the town, commonly called and known by the name of the Trappe, in Talbot county, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Douglas of Caroline, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act for changing part of the divisional line between Dorchester and Caroline counties, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, and passed without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Thomas of Cecil, the house proceeded to consider the bill, reported by Mr. Mercer, from the committee on internal improvement, entitled, An act to incorporate the Port Deposit and Columbia Turnpike Road Company, was read a second time amended and passed.

Whereupon, on motion, the house then adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

CONGRESS.

From the National Journal.

MONDAY, Feb 25.

The Senate did not sit on Saturday

In the House of Representatives, Mr. CHILTON made some further observations on his resolution relative to the reduction of the West Point Academy; when the resolution was on motion of Mr. STEWART, laid on the table. The House then proceeded to the consideration of private bills, seven of which went through the Committee of the whole. The bill for the relief of Richard W. Meade was taken up, and discussed for a short time in Committee, but the Committee rose before any question was taken, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

TUESDAY, Feb. 26

In the Senate yesterday, resolutions were adopted for attending the funeral of Gen. BROWN. The bill for the relief of Simeon Webster was discussed and rejected. The bill for establishing a southern judicial district in the territory of Florida was discussed and ordered to a third reading.

In the House of Representatives, yesterday, the number of petitions presented was as many as usual. Mr. GILMER presented a resolution to appoint a select committee to inquire into the expediency of reducing the number of Cadets at West Point, but it was laid on the table by a vote of 90 to 65. The House then passed the private bills which went through the committee of the whole on Saturday, with the exception of the bill for the relief of Joseph Young, (security for a deceased post-master) which was opposed and laid on the table. The House took up the bill making appropriations for Internal Improvements. Mr. HALL moved to strike out the first section, but after some discussion withdrew his motion, at the suggestion of Mr. McDUFFIE. Mr. TAYLOR then moved an amendment in the clause relative to the Cumberland Road which was agreed to. An amendment was then moved by Mr. Haynes, but before any question was taken the House adjourned FRIDAY, Feb. 29.

In the Senate, yesterday, a resolution was offered by Mr. Harrison proposing an inquiry into the expediency of granting a pension to the family of the late Major General Brown. Mr. Chandler submitted a resolution contemplating the abolition of the office of Major General of the army.—The Process bill was taken up amended, and passed to a third reading, when on motion of Mr. Webster, it was recommitted. Some time was spent in the consideration of Executive business.

In the House of Representatives, the resolution offered by Mr. Gilmer, relative to the West Point Academy was again taken up, the discussion upon it being arrested on Tuesday, by the expiration of the hour. After a brief explanation of the character of the Academy by Mr. Dwight and Mr. Vance, on motion of Mr. Ward the resolution was again laid on the table, by a vote of 80 to 50. Mr. Tucker made another unsuccessful motion to consider his resolution providing for an earlier hour for the daily meeting of Congress. The House then resumed the consideration of the bill making appropriations for Internal Improvements, the question being on the proposition of Mr. Drayton to amend the clause relative to the surveys so as to limit them to such roads as may be for the transportation of the mail or for military purposes. In the discussion which took place, Messrs. Williams, Hall, Carter, Stewart, Martin, Hamilton, Oakley, Mercer, &c. took a part. Mr. Wilde then obtained the floor, but the House adjourned without coming to any decision.

SATURDAY, March 1.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Harrison introduced a bill for the relief of the widow of the late General Jacob Brown, which was twice read and referred. The resolution offered by Mr. Chandler for abolishing the office of Major General of the Army, was considered; and, after considerable discussion was, on motion of Mr. Berrien, modified so as to propose an inquiry only.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Mallary gave notice that he should, on Monday next, move the House to take up the Tariff Bill, whether the Appropriation Bills should be carried through or not. The House then proceeded to the unfinished business of the preceding day, being the bill making appropriations for Internal Improvements. Some further discussion took place on Mr. Drayton's motion to amend the clause relating to surveys, by restricting them to routes necessary in a military view or for the transportation of the mail, in which Mr. Wilde, Mr. Gorham Mr. Rives, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Mercer anticipated. The question was then taken on Mr. Drayton's amendment which was negatived by an immense majority. Mr. Oakley then moved to amend the clause by restricting the appropriation to such surveys as have been commenced. Mr. Oakley has the floor to day in support of his amendment.

[COMMUNICATED.]

NEW-YORK, Feb. 25, 1828.

MR. GRAHAM,

The following description of a fashionable party I lately picked up in one of our streets, if you think it worthy a corner in your useful paper, you are at liberty to publish it. It is in my opinion a little tinctured with extravagancies, but the most of it, I should say from what I've seen of such matters, is undoubtedly true. The writer, from some inferences in his narrative must be either a Virginian or a Marylander—perhaps the latter.

"I returned home last night," says the author, about three o'clock completely "used up" —I had been to a *Soiree* or fashionable *Jam*—a jam it really was—'tis the first I've attended this season, and I think it more than likely it will be the last. The rooms were splendid, & the decorations, consisting of flowers, paintings and mirrors, brilliant; and the company of near two hundred persons, decked off in all the elegance of fashion, presented a magnificent spectacle. As soon as I entered the room, which was about nine o'clock, I was received by the Gentleman of the house, and conducted through the whole range of company, and with the usual formality introduced to his "better half" who was seated at the head of the company—Now I was released and left to walk about or stand still, just as I pleased, as for being seated there is no such thing for gentlemen in "good society." I knew no one but the owners of the house, and consequently concluded no one knew me. The Ladies were attired in the most superb dresses I ever witnessed—My eyes were completely dazzled, and now for the first time I felt the want of an Opera glass, to have a more minute inspection. Their heads were adorned exquisitely (some of the ringlets, as usual, were by-the-bye borrowed) after the latest Parisian stile in large rolls, thrown over a beautiful sparkling comb brilliant as rubies, and interwoven with two inch fancy ribbons— One broad and well arched beau-catcher usually covers about half the left forehead to give the fair a careless air of loveliness, above which a wreath of flowers, or sprigs of various kinds, in imitation of oat or wheat straw burnished with silver or gold were interspersed making the wearers, if they could be—as beautiful as thought—A rich silk or satin frock, with either a pink, blue or black gauze covering, flounced at the bottom with roses. A diamond breast pin, and an elegant watch with superfluous chains usually finishes the dress. 'Tis a fact that so much finery always detracts from the reality, and beauty here was lost by the "foreign aid of ornament."

The gentlemen dress in black with a white vest, and paste, buckles in their pumps—yes, and each one it is worthy of remark, has his hair as well curled or frizzled as though he was a native of Siera Leone, any thing contrary would be grossly deviating from the rules of "good society." Here was nothing natural—nothing that could be admired but art—here was too much small talk, and too much affectation. Some times you are almost choaked with flattery and then stuffed with wit. Here they "conquer for the triumph not the prize."—"Thinks I to myself," after looking attentively around, here I am in the midst of stile, now I can learn etiquette—This is a regular built "*Soiree*, and the *bon ton* of New York. No one is here but "good society"—no Lehigh or Schuylkill coal is burnt here; none but pure Liverpool; this is foreign and this belongs to "good society." No tallow candles—none but the best sperm fringed with gold paper and set in cut glass—a few lamps, however are put in requisition for variety. Here in the pass way between the folding doors was Clement, the little negro fidler, (who had to stand on a chair) and his two supernumeraries—none but Clem. will answer, he plays for "good society." We danced cotilions and country dances. No wine or whiskey punch have been introduced into these fashionable routes. No, none not even Champaign. Nothing substantial or solid like beef's tongue or oysters. Nothing like canvass-back or mutton chops & jelly; no, not any—but water, yes, real New York water and water crackers, are pushed about in abundance; any thing contrary would not be countenanced as belonging to "good society." Here was wit mixed with wisdom, and gravity with dancing.

The topic of chit chat runs nearly all alike—you are introduced perhaps to some half dozen city coquetts—and its all the same song, same two and sixpence precisely. "Have you read Mr. Cooper's last novel? Did you attend Mrs. so and so's *Soiree*? Have you been lately at the Park Theatre to see the new Opera? And bless me how affected Miss Squash is. So runs *Soirees*. I dislike them—yes heartily dislike them. I confess it. I have not heart enough to swallow all that the current of stile puts forward.

Give me a plain country party, they are far preferable—there the tables groan under the weight of oysters, Hams (smoaked with oak wood,) and celery—and some times opossum & hommony—give me your circle of young ladies of the balmy climate of the south, on James River or other branches of the Chesapeake—there they are more after the order of natural gracefulness—their candour and unassuming modesty, mixed with a winning smile of loveliness is depicted in their countenances, their minds well stored with knowleuge, rather than the frivolous stuff of fashion. There's no comparison between the city belles and the fair, sweet and romantic girls of the south—no, none."

So ends this picture of "good society;" when the manuscript was picked up no name was attached to it, consequently no censure can personally be attached to the writer.

I am, Mr. Graham,
Yours, &c.
BUSBY.

FOOLISH ADVENTURE.

Maj. Gen. Wm. Collamer, of Barre, Vt. on the 14th inst. shot an apple from the bare head of Mr. Henry Ingraham, at the distance of 27 yards, with a rifle. Collamer then took his turn, and Ingraham at the same distance shot an apple from his head. It was done in the presence of a number of respectable gentlemen who, after fruitless attempts to stop the parties, had the satisfaction to see them come off in safety. The apples were so handsomely cut by the ball, that the juice and pomace remained in considerable quantities on the hair of their heads.

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