FROM THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER.

The United States of America, in common with other countries, have been incommoded, insulted, injured, and disturbed by the immediate operations or by the plain consequences of the proceedings of the European belligerents for the long term of eighteen years.

We naturally desired a discontinuance of *these evils—of these wrongs*; but, by refraining from war as the means, we proved that we had independently *resolved* not to yield to *any external power or influence* the commitment of our country in their quarrel.

At the close of the last session we calmly, openly, and firmly addressed ourselves to the prudence and the magnanimity of both the belligerents. We told them, *by an act of our war-power*, that we equally desired amity with each; that we really desired amity with both, and that we were determined to prove to either, as the momentous case might eventuate, that frank and simple justice from the one or from the other should produce a serious and decorus estrangement of our country and our merchants from the remaining belligerent, unless, upon a prefixed notice, he also should observe a frank and simple justice.

The Emperor of France, influenced by many plain and weighty considerations of wisdom and equity, has announced the *consequent* abrogation of the injurious edicts.

The *Casus* of law of May, 1810, has thus been produced. On the occurrence of the *casus legis*, the resulting obligation of that law has been accurately and instantly perceived by the President. In his turn, a frank and simple execution of *justice to the complying belligerent* has been immediately performed by the President. He has proclaimed, that the subjects and dominions of the Emperor of France, and his & their ships, manufactures and productions, are exempted here from all impediments. In doing this he simply and accurately executed, a plain eventual direction of law, which requires no comment—no apology. The hearts and minds of his countrymen accompany the President in this act, which comes, adorned with peaceful honors, from his hand.

The genuine friends of the human race hang with profound attention on the conduct of Great Britain. If she conceded *an immense question of pride and interest* to *two* millions of people in these states, distressed by the pressure of France, Spain and Holland, only in 1783; what ought she now to do to *eight* millions, under all her present circumstances foreign and domestic.

The question of the Irish, English and Scotch Roman Catholics extends itself into the vast and diversified collection of Churches, with murmur and struggle at present under the ball of that empire. The established church, the protestant succession, and the Hanoverian dynasty itself are all involved.

The Catholic and Presbyterian questions, in Ireland, involve perhaps the solemn alternative of a dissolution of the legislative union or a new convulsion.

The reform of the Commons involves the vast question of a general suffrage, and the same extinction of many abuses and dilapidations of every rank.

The immensity of the proper public debts of the three kingdoms, rising above the stupendous sum of four thousand one hundred millions, and involving the capital of every wealthy corporation in the kingdom, and of all the private monied men is an object of awful contemplation, rendered more solemn by state, church, poor and war expences, of four hundred millions of dollars per annum; and by the mad and wicked issues of five hundred and sixty millions dollars of public and private, British and Irish, bank and East India paper. Increasing floods of *paper* and *expences* menace the foundations of their grand and extended scene of commerce and manufactures; the fortunes of the rich, the daily bread of the poor, and the pending operations of a war, which is carried on in the four quarters of the world.—Under all these and many other solemn and trying circumstances, pressed by the weight of all Europe, and struggling, against the continental system, hostile and anti-commercial, it cannot be that by the continuance of direct or indirect infractions of the law of nations, Great Britain will so act, as to make our existing and unalterable statute bear against her navy, her shipping, her trade, her manufactures and her productions.

The plea of retaliation, such as it was, is no more. There is no longer a color of a pretence to a right founded on that principle.

If Britain shall exclude her whole productions and manufactures from our internal markets, what has she not to fear from our manufacturing system, already established to the extent of 120 to 150 millions of dollars? She will prove to every farmer and planter in our country, that household and shop manufactures give a more cordial support to agriculture than a precarious commerce. England has taught us, that external trade can be converted into a field of enormous gambling, and we have already learned too much of the pernicious lesson. The purchase of the spontaneous productions of the earth and of the fruits of cultivation, and improving their value by the industry of women and children, and by labor-saving processes and machinery, are a sure, sober and steady business, producing few losses of *profit*, and fewer of *capital*, since the subject has been properly explored. Every thing so favors the wide extension of *household* and *machine* manufactures in the United States, that many wise and good men believe, that any state of things, which shall be attended with an exclusion of Britain rival goods for one year, will be highly beneficial to our country.

Such forcing circumstances, do not, however, appear desirable, It is better for the states of the world; the families of nations, to proceed in peace, harmony and regularity: in general comfort, order and prosperity; in friendly intercourse and mutual good will As an indispensible requisite to this happy condition of affairs between the United States and Great Britain, it is necessary that her conduct be temperate, wise, regular and just.

COLUMBIANUS.

Legislature of Maryland.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 7.

Five additional members appeared, qualified, and took their seats.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for a public road from the Pennsylvania line, nearly against Henrick's tavern, to intersect *Caton's* road,—was preferred, read, and referred to Messrs. Harryman, Moffitt and Randall.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the Council for the ensuing year;—ordered, that Messrs. Street, Nabb and Herbert be a committee to bring in the same.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to confirm an act passed at November Session, 1809, to abolish all such parts of the Constitution and Form of Government as require a property qualification in persons to be appointed, or holding offices of profit or trust in the State, and in persons elected Members of the Legislature, or Electors for the Senate;—Ordered that Messrs. Herbert, Bland and Physick, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the valuation of real and personal property within this State;—ordered that Messrs. Stevens, Schley, Jump, Archer and Harryman, be a committee to bring in the same.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled "*an act to establish* PUBLIC SCHOOLS *in the several counties throughout this State*, for the education of orphans, and the children of poor people;—Ordered, that Messrs. Warfield, Herbert, Marriott, Comegys, A. Brown, Grahame, and W. B. Williams, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the Council delivered a communication from the Executive, enclosing letters from the governors of the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, New-Hampshire and Georgia, which were read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying a law may pass to enable creditors to recover from debtors, as well in the county where the debt is contracted, as where the debtor resides, the amount of all debts due to them, which shall not respectively exceed the sum of fifty dollars, and which otherwise are accountable before a magistrate; was referred to Messrs. Martin, Bland and Welsh.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne Arundel county, praying for a road from Wm. Merrikin's gate, to intersect the road leading from Annapolis to Hammond's or Craigs Ferry; referred to Messrs. Warfield, Marriott and Belt.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to confirm an act passed at November session, 1809, to alter all such parts of the Declaration of Rights, Constitution, and Form of Government, as make it lawful to lay an equal and general tax for the support of the Christian religion;—Ordered, that Messrs. Archer, Schley and Belt, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same. Adjourned.

Thursday, November 8.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled An act to tax Bank stock, and for other purposes; ordered that Messrs. Comegys, Groome, Nabb, Archer and Jump, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Leave was given to bring in a bill to confirm an act passed at the November session, 1809, entitled an act to repeal and abolish the forty-fifth article of the Constitution and form of government; ordered that Messrs. Randal, Physick, Bland, Willis, and Harryman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled an act for the appointment by the people of the Justices of the Levy Court; Messrs. Cross, Groome, Bowie, Physic, Harris, Schley and Herbert, elected a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Archer delivered a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying that Justices of the peace may be restrained from attending at places where spiritous liquors are sold, for the purpose of administering justice; referred to Messrs. Archer, Forwood, T. B. Hall, Wainwright and Bowles.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill entitled an additional supplement to the act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts; Messrs. Dorsey, Herbert and T. N. Williams a committee to bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, leave given to bring in a bill to confirm an act passed at November session, entitled, an act to alter all such parts of the Constitution and form of government as relate to voters and qualification of voters; Messrs. Stevens, Schley & Wainwright, a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Bland, leave given to bring in a bill entitled an act to prevent fraud; Messrs. Bland, Boyle and Martin, a committee to bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Bland leave given to bring in a bill to regulate judicial proceedings; Messrs. Bland, Archer and Harryman, a committee to bring in the same.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the auditor general, enclosing the Western Shore treasurer's account, as charged on the auditor's books, to the 1st of November, 1810, and an estimate of the State debt to the same period; which were read.

On motion of Mr. Bland, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled a further supplement to the act for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans, and other representatives of deceased persons; ordered, that Messrs. Bland, Boyle and Martin be a committee to bring in the same.

Mr. Herbert delivered a bill to confirm an act passed at Nov. session, 1809, entitled an act, to alter and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as requires a property qualification in persons to be appointed or holding offices of profit or trust in the State, and persons elected members of the Legislature or electors of the Senate; which was read. Adjourned

Friday, November 9.

On motion of Mr. Comegys, leave given to bring in a bill to alter and abolish all such parts of the Constitution and form of Government, as relates to the mode of filling up vacancies in the Senate; Messrs. Comegys, Archer, Jump, Physick and Marriott a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Physick, delivered a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying a supplement to an act to lay out and open a road in said county; referred to Messrs. Physic, Groome and Moffitt.

On motion of Mr. Comegys, leave given to bring in a bill to regulate officers fees, and for other purposes; referred to Messrs. Comegys, Schley, Moffitt, Archer and Marriott.

On motion of Mr. T. B. Hall, leave given to bring in a bill making provision for, and appointing a jurisdiction over offences committed by the inhabitants of one county in the adjoining county; referred to Messrs. T. B. Hall, Boyle and Bowles.

On motion of Mr. Bland, leave given to bring in a bill to subject lands to the payments of debts; referred to Messrs. Bland, Archer and Frazier.

On motin of Mr. Bland, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act respecting the registering of marriages, births and deaths; referred to Messrs. Bland Boyle and Bowles.

Mr. Warfield delivered a bill entitled an act to lay out and make public a road in Anne Arundel county, which was read.

Mr. Welsh delivered a petition from Thomas Murphy of Kent county, praying a loan from the State to enable him to establish a woollen factory; read and referred to Messrs. Welsh, Boyle and C. Hall.

Mr. Randall delivered a bill to confirm an act passed at November session, 1809, entitled an act to abolish the 45th article of the Constitution. Adjourned.

Saturday, Nov. 10.

Mr. A. Brown delivered a petition from Elizabeth Fling of Allegany county, praying she may be authorised to remove slaves from Virginia to Maryland; read and referred to Messrs. Brown, Bayard and Hilleary.

On motion by Mr. Archer, the resolutions of the State of Pennsylvania, proposing an alteration in the Constitution of the United States, were referred to Messrs. Archer, Herbert, Bowles, T. B. Hall and P. C. Blake.

On motion by Mr. Archer, the letter from the Governor of Virginia proposing an exchange of the Acts of Assembly, were referred to Messrs. Archer, Downey and Frazier.

On motion by Mr. T. B. Hall, ordered, that the Committee of Claims procure one copy of the *Maryland Republican*, and of the *Maryland Gazette*, printed in the city of Annapolis, for each member of the Legislature during the present session.

Mr. Bland delivered the following bills, viz. An act concerning insolvency, which was read;—a bill to give validity and operation to deeds of conveyance therein mentioned;—and a bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the Council for the ensuing year, which were read the second time and passed.

Mr. Forwood delivered a bill to withdraw the salaries from the militia officers, and to make some provision for the privates.

Mr. Bland delivered a bill concerning partitions, joint-right and obligations; which was read.

Mr. Groome delivered a petition from Henry Mitchell, a revolutionary soldier, praying for a pension; read and referred to Messrs. Groome, Moffitt & Physick. Adjourned.

Monday, November 12.

Four additional members appeared, qualified, and took their seats.

Mr. Physick delivered a bill from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, praying that persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath may have the same privileges enjoyed by those who have no such scruples;—that the levy court may be elected by the people;—and that the orphan's court may be authorised to sell the real estates of deceased persons for the payment of their debts; which were read and referred

Mr. Bland delivered a bill, entitled, an act respecting the registering of marriages, births and deaths; and a bill, entitled, an act to subject lands to the payment of debts; which were read.

On motion of Mr. Comegys, leave given to bring in a bill concerning strays, and declaring what shall be a lawful enclosure.

Mr. Groome delivered a petition from Hannah A. Hayes, of Cæcil county, praying that a sale made by her of the real estate of her deceased husband, may be confirmed:—Mr. Emory delivered a bill from William Taylor, of Queen Ann's county, praying for a road;—Mr. C Hall delivered a petition from sundry members of the society of people called Quakers, in Kent county, praying that the titles to lots No. 1 and 2 in said county, may be vested in them for the benefit of said society;—and Mr. Myers delivered a petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Ann's county, counter to the petition of William Taylor; which were read and referred.

On motion of Mr. Quinton, leave given to bring in a bill relating to public roads in Worcester county.

Mr. Street delivered a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Harford counties, praying that the damages done by the running of a certain road may be assessed and levied; which was read and referred.

On motion of Mr. Frazier, leave given to bring in a bill regulating lawyer's fees.

Mr. Archer delivered a bill, entitled, an act concerning justices of the peace;—Mr. Martin delivered a bill, entitled, a further supplement for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned; and Mr. Welsh delivered a bill, entitled, an act for the relief of Edward Nicholson, an insolvent debtor; which was read.

On motion of Mr. Archer, leave given to bring in a further additional supplement to an act to direct descents.

Mr. Bland delivered a memorial from the chancellor of this state, accompanied by a report of the English statutes, under a resolution of the legislature of last session; which was read and referred.

The speaker laid before the house a letter from the clerk of St. Mary's county court, containing an account of the number of days each judge attended said court; which was read and referrad.

Mr. T. B. Hall delivered a bill, entitled, an act concerning the jurisdiction of trespasses on real property; which was read.—Adjourned.

Tuesday, November 13.

Mr. Groome delivered a petition from Oliver R. Howell of the state of Delaware, praying that his title to lot No. 33, in Elkton, may be confirmed; read and referred to Messrs. Groome, Moffitt and Physick.

Mr. Bland delivered a petition from the President and Directors of the Franklin Bank of Baltimore; the President and Directors of the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore; and the President and Directors of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Baltimore; severally praying for a charter, which were read and referred to Messrs. Bland, Harryman, Groome, Archer and Randall.

On motion of Mr. Bland, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act concerning Libel and Contempt of Court; referred to Messrs. Bland, Archer and Martin.

Mr. Downey delivered a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington and Frederick counties, praying that commissioner may be appointed to ascertain the divisional line between said counties; referred to Messrs. Downey, Schley, Brooke, T. B. Hall and W. B. Williams.

On motion of Mr. Warfield, leave given to bring in a bill respecting securities in replevin bonds; referred to Messrs. Warfield, Boyle and Marriott.

Mr. C. Hall, delivered a bill for the benefit of the people called Quakers; which was read.

Mr. Bland delivered a bill to prevent fraud; which was read. Adjourned.

Wednesday, November 14.

The Speaker laid before the house letters from the Clerk of Frederick county court, relative to the attendance of the judges thereof, and containing a list of the number of suits brought in dismissed or disposed of by said court for three years prior to the last of September, 1810; which was read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances & Courts of Justice.

Mr. Groome delivered a bill, entitled, an act to authorise Hannah A. Hayes, guardian of the heirs of Stephen Hayes, deceased, to convey certain lands therein mentioned, lying in Cecil county.

Mr. Randall delivered a bill to preserve the breed of fish in Baltimore county; which was read.

Mr. Archer delivered a bill, entitled, a further supplement to the act to direct descents; read.

Mr. Bland delivered a bill to regulate judicial proceedings in civil cases; read.

Mr. Boyle delivered a petition from Michael Conway of the city of Annapolis, stating that he has a wife and two young children, very infirm and helpless, and praying a sum of money may be levied on Anne-Arundel county for their benefit—read and referred to Messrs. Boyle, Mackubin and Belt.

On motion by Mr. Brooke, leave given to bring in a bill to give further time to the stockholders of the Baltimore and Frederick-Town turnpike company, for extending the turnpike road from Frederick-Town to Harper's-Ferry; referred to Messrs. Brooke, Swearingen, and Bland. Adjourned.

Thursday, November 15.

Mr. Groome delivered a bill for the relief of Oliver R. Howell of the state of Deleware, which was read.

Mr. Bayley delivered a petition from John Laird of Somerset county, praying that a deed from Arthur Woolford to him may be made valid; referred to Messrs. Bayley, Jackson and Arnold Jones.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill respecting the registering of marriages, births and deaths, and on motion of Mr. Handy, the question was put that the following words be stricken out of the first clause, to wit—"and every married man who shall neglect to transmit to the register a certificate of his marriage; and every master, mistress, or head of a family, who shall neglect to register the birth or death of any person born or dying within his or her habitation or plantation, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars to such register for every thirty days he or she shall neglect so to transmit a certificate of his marriage, or to register such birth or death after the expiration of ninety days from the celebration of such marriage, or the happening of such birth or death, which sum of money to be sued for and recovered in like manner as small debts are recoverable." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Handy, the question was then put, that the following words be stricken out of the second clause, viz.—"and every minister or society who shall fail or neglect to make out and deliver such a certificate, shall forfeit and pay to the man so married the sum of twenty dollars for every thirty days he or they shall fail to make out and deliver the same—which sum may be recovered as other small debts." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Archer, the question was put that the following words be stricken out of the third clause, to wit: "And the record, and an exemplification of the record, of such marriage, birth, or death, shall be evidence thereof in any court of law or equity in this state, until the contrary shall be proven by competent testimony" Determined in the negative.

The question was put that the further consideration of the bill be referred to the next general assembly, and lost—yeas 25—nays 35: The question was then put, shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr Boyle delivered a petition from Elizabeth Gwinn and Thomas Harris, of the city of Annapolis, praying a law may pass authorising a sale of the real estate of John Gwinn, deceased; read and referred to Messrs. Boyle, Mackubin and Marriott.

The further supplement to the act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time and the question put, shall the bill pass? Determined in the negative—yeas 3—nays 60!

Mr. Archer delivered a bill concerning liens, which was read.

The bill to lay out and make public a road in Anne Arundel county, and the bill authorising Rasin Gale, late sheriff and collector of Kent county, to complete his collections, were read the second time and passed.

The bill authorising Isaac C. White, late sheriff and collector of Washington county, to complete his collections, was read the second time and passed. Adjourned.

On Friday last the Legislature of *Rhode Island*, proceeded to ballot for a Senator in the Congress of the United States, for six years from the Fourth of March next. On counting the ballots it appeared that Jeremiah B. Howell had 42 votes, and James Burrill, jun. 41 votes. Mr. Howell, the *Republican candidate*, was accordingly declared elected by a majority of one.

Prov. Phenix.

The *Pennsylvania Legislature*, by a complete return of its members, is found to contain what are called, in the senate 17 Snyderites, 7 anti do. and 7 federalists—and in the assembly, 69 Snyderites, 8 anti do. and 18 federalists.

MANUMISSION—A Russian landholder in the government of Wilna, has, by his last will, emancipated all his peasants, to the number of 7000. The Emperor Alexander has confirmed this act of beneficence.