Mr. Monroe's letter concluded from Supplement.]

very injury which had been received, and lead to the restoration of perfect harmony between the two countries, but in that hope they were disappointed.

Since the year 1805, the period of the last negociation with Spain, the province of West-Florida has remained in a situation altogether incompatible with the welfare of these states. The government of Spain has scarcely been felt there; in consequence of which the affairs of that province had fallen into disorder. Of that circumstance, however, the United States took no advantage.—It was not until the last year, when the inhabitants, perceiving that all authority over them had ceased rose in a body with intention to take the country into their own hands, that the American government interposed. It was impossible for the United States to behold with indifference a movement in which they were so deedly interesed. The President would have incurred the censure of the nation, if he had suffered that province to be wrested from the United States, under a pretext of wresting it from Spain. In taking possession of it, in their name, and under their authority, except in the part which was occupied by the Spanish troops, who have not been disturbed, he defended the rights and secured the peace of the nation, and even consulted the honor of Spain herself. By this event, the United States have acquired no new title to West-Florida. They wanted none.—In adjusting hereafter all the other points which remain to be adjusted with Spain, and which it is proposed to make the subject of amicable negociation as soon as the government of Spain shall be settled, her claim to this territory may also be brought into view, and receive all the attention which is due to it.

Aware that this transaction might be misconceived and misrepresented, the President deemed it a proper subject of instruction to the ministers of the U. States at foreign courts to place it in a true light before them. Such an instruction was forwarded to Mr. Pinkney, their late Minister Plenipotentiary at London, who would have executed it, had not the termination of his mission prevented it. The President cannot doubt that the frank and candid explanation which I have now given, by his order, of the considerations which induced the U. States to take possession of this country, will be perfectly satisfactory to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

With great respect and consideration, I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

(Signed) JAMES MONROE.

Aug. J. Foster, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

[*Documents to be continued.*]

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, November 12.

THE MESSAGE.

Mr. *Smilie*, after some appropriate prefatory observations, moved that the house resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union, in order to take into consideration the message of the President of the U. S. at the opening of the session.

The motion being agreed to, the house accordingly went into a committee of the whole, Mr. Bibb in the Chair; when

Mr. *Smilie* submitted to the consideration of the committee the following resolutions, viz.

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the President's message as relates to the subject of our Foreign Relations, be referred to a select committee.

2d. That so much as relates to the measures of Public Defence demanded by the present crisis, be referred to a select committee.

3. That so much as relates to the Revenue and the provisions necessary for the service of the ensuing year, be referred to the Committee of Ways & Means.

4. That so much as relates to the evasions and infractions of our commercial Laws, be referred to the committee of Commerce & Manufactures.

5. That so much as relates to Foreign Trading Licences, and to the protection of Manufactures and Navigation, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

6. That so much as relates to the Spanish American Colonies, be referred to a select committee.

The resolutions being read, they were taken up separately, and agreed to, without opposition, except that when the second was under consideration, Mr. Dawson expressed an opinion that the subjects embraced in that resolution would be better in the hands of two or three committees; but Mr. Smilie assigning as a reason for committing the entire subject of defence to one committee, that they would have it in their power to take a view of the whole ground, and act accordingly, it was agreed to.

All the resolutions being adopted,

Mr. Smilie moved that the committee rise and report the resolutions to the House.

Mr Randolph was opposed to this motion. And after some debate they were adopted; when Mr. Bibb moved to add the following; *for the acceptance of volunteer "corps, for detachments of "portions of the militia, and for such a "proportion of the great body, as will "proportion its usefulness to its intrin-"sic capacities"* which was agreed to.

Mr. Dawson moved an additional resolution, as follows: "*That so much "of the message as relates to the naval "force of the U. States, and the maritime "defence of our frontier, be referred to a "select committee.*"—Agreed.

Mr. Bacon moved the two following additional resolutions; "*That so "much of the message as relates to the "manufacturing of cannon and small "arms, and providing munitions of war, "be referred to a select committee:*"—and "*That so much of the message as "relates to Indian affairs, be referred "to a select committee.*"—Agreed to.

All the select committees which were thought necessary being appointed, it was determined that the first on Foreign Relations should consist of nine members; the committees on the Spanish Colonies and Navy concerns, to consist of seven members; and those on manufacturing cannon and Indian Affairs, to consist of five members. It is expected the committees will be named to-morrow.

Wednesday, Nov. 12.

The following gentlemen have been named upon the select timmittees appointed yesterday:

Committee of Foreign Relations.—Messrs. Porter Calhoun, Grundy, Smilie, Randolph, Harper, Key, Desha, and Sever.

On the Army &c.—Messrs. Williams, Wright, Macon, Nelson, Stow, Maxwell, and Tallmadge.

On the Naval Force, &c.—Messrs. Cheeves, Newton, Milnor, Quincey, Cook, M'Kim, and Fisk.

On the Spanish American Colonies.—Messrs. Mitchell, Bibb, Blackledge, Taggart, Champion, Butler, and Shaw.

On the manufacturing of Cannon Small Arms, &c.—Messrs. Seybert, Little, Goodwin, Tracy, and Sturges.

On Indian Affairs—Messrs. M'Kee, Sevier, Morrow, Sheffey, and Brown.

A resolution was agreed to, instructidg the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures to enquire into the expediency of encouraging the manufacture of Iron, either by imposing additional duties, or prohibiting the importation of certain kinds of iron.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, covering a correspondence between Mr. Foster, the Minister of his Britannic Majesty and our Secretary of State, (which appeared in last Tuesday's Star) and also a Return of the late Census of the U. States with 500 copies for the use of the members. The latter was referred, and the former ordered to be printed.

Maryland Legislature.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Friday, November 8.

Mr. Downey delivers a petition from John Leaburn, an old soldier praying relief, which was read & referred to Messrs Downey, Bowles and Boerstler.

Mr. John Tillottson, delegate for Caroline county, and Samuel Tenant delegate for Talbot county, appeared, qualified and took their seats.

Mr. Emory delivers a favorable report on the petition of Thomas Gadd, an old soldier, which was read the first and second times by special order and the resolution therein contained, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the council delivers the journal of the proceedings of that body

Mr. Street delivers a bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year, which was read the first and second times by special order, past and sent to the senate.

Mr. Jump delivers a bill to authorise and empower the Justices of the Levy Court of Caroline County to discontinue so much of the public road as is therein mentioned, and Mr. Swearingen delivers a bill to lay out and open a road in Frederick county; which were read.

Mr. T. Williams delivers a petition from James Maxwell, of Cecil County, a revolutionary soldier, praying relief, which was read and referred to Messrs T. Williams, Veazey and Groome.

The Clerk of the Senate delivers a communication from his Excellency the governor, inclosing an account of his expenditures, under a resolution of November session, 1809, for the better repairing & furnishing the government house, and requesting that a committee be appointed to examine and report the state of the building, furniture, &c. which was read & referred to Messrs. Bowles, Harryman, Veazey, Groome & Swearingen. Also the bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the Council for the ensuing year, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. Adjourned.

Saturday, November 9.

The house met, and the proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Esme M. Waller, a delegate returned for Somerset county appeared, qualified and took his seat.

Mr. Griffith delivers a bill authorising Mary Keene to remove her negroes from the state of Virginia to this state.

On motion by Mr. Rendall, leave given to bring in a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act for quieting possessions, and confirming the estates of purchasers, Ordered, that Messrs. Randall, T. B. Hall, Sanders, Marriott and Howard be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. Boerstler, leave given to bring in a bill, more effectually to regulate and discipline the Militia of this State, Ordered, that Messrs. Boerstler, Frisby, Veazey, Howard, Stevens, F. M. Hall, L. Duvall, Emory & Spencer, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Boerstler delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying for amendments to the militia law. Read and referred to the committee appointed for that purpose.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the report of the committee appointed to report rules. After some objections being made to various parts, and negatived, the question was put that the house occur with said report. Resolved in the affirmative. 36 to 19.

The Clerk of the Senate delivers the supplement to an act passed at Nov. session, 1809, entitled, an act concerning crimes & punishments, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Wainwright, leave given to bring in a bill to incorporate a manufacturing company in Talbot county, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.—Ordered, that Messrs. Wainwright, Emory, Hall, Williams and Stevens, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same. Adjourned until Monday.

Monday, November 11.

Mr. Donaldson delivers a favorable report relative to an exchange of laws with our sister states. Read.

Mr. Bowles delivers the report of the committee to whom was referred the communication of his excellency the governor, relative to the government house and furniture. After a careful examination of the same, the committee were of opinion that the public money appropriated for that purpose had been judiciously applied, & proves his excellency's unremitted attention for the preservation of the public property. And the committee were of opinion that a very small appropriation will be fully sufficient for the ensuing year. Read.

Mr. Emory delivers a petition from Philemon Murphey, of Queen Anne's county, praying that he may be allowed certain fees, as cryer to said county court. Read.

The clerk of the executive delivers a communication from that body, enclosing a report of arms belonging to the state; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Swearingen, a message was read, agreed to, and sent to the Senate, proposing to proceed to the immediate election of a Governor for the ensuing year; informing them that Robert Bowie and John E. Howard, Esq's. were put in nomination by the house.—Mr. Swearingen and Mr. Graham were appointed a committee on the part of the house to examine the ballots.

The clerk of the senate delivers a resolution relative to having the laws and votes and proceedings printed in a royal octavo form, which was read. Also the bill relative to repairing the Liberty town Road, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. And also a message informing the house that they are prepared to proceed immediately to ballot for a governor for the ensuing year. No person was put in nomination by the senate in addition to those mentioned by the House of Delegates. Mr. Holbrook and Mr. Brown were appointed a committee on the part of the Senate to examine the ballots. Which was read.

The House having qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a Governor, and the ballots being placed in the ballot box, on examination it appeared that Robert Bowie, Esq was elected Whereupon it was resolved, that Robert Bowie, Esq. be, and he is declared to be Governor of the State of Maryland.

The bill to authorise and empower the Levy Court of Caroline County to discontinue so much of the public road therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers a message proposing that a joint letter be written by the President of the senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and immediately forwarded by express, notifying the governor elect of his appointment; and requesting his attendance to qualify as such, which was read.

On motion by Mr. Stevens a message was read and agreed to, assenting to the proposal of the senate, that a joint ballot be immediately forwarded to Robert Bowie, Esq. informing him of his election. Adjourned.

Tuesday, November 12.

The bill to authorise and empower the Justices of the Levy Court of Caroline County to discontinue so much of a road therein mentioned—the further supplement to the act to confirm a road in Harford and Baltimore counties—the bill to lay out and open a road in Frederick county—& the message agreeing that a joint letter be written by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates to the governor elect, were sent to the Senate.

The Speaker laid before the House a return from the clerk of Anne Arundel county court relative to the attendance of the judges.

Mr. Veazey delivers a bill to prevent horses, cattle, sheep and swine from running at large within the limits therein described. Read.

Mr. Downey delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying for a new assessment law.—Read and referred.

Mr. Jump delivers a petition from sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying that the public roads may be kept in repair at the expence of said county.—Read and referred.

On motion by Mr. Sanders, a message proposing to go into the immediate appointment of a council to the governor, as the constitution and form of government directs, was agreed to and sent to the senate. George E. Mitchell, Thomas W. Hall, Reverdy Ghiselin, James Butcher and John Stephen, were put in nomination by the house, and Mr. Sanders and Mr. Frisby were appointed on the part of the house to examine the ballot box and report thereon.

On motion by Mr. Spencer, leave given to bring in a further additional supplement to the act, entitled, an act to direct descents, Ordered, that Messrs. Spencer Graves and Frisby, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion by Mr. H. Hall, leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, an act to empower the inhabitants of the town of Havre De Grace to elect the commissioners thereof. Ordered that Messrs. Hall, Sanders, and Street, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers a message informing the house that they were prepared to go into the immediate appointment of a Council to the Governor, and informing them that no person was put in nomination in addition to the gentlemen named by the House which was read. Mr. Brown & Mr. Frazier were appointed on the part of the Senate to count the ballots and report thereon.

The house having qualified as required by the constitution proceeded to the choice of a council to the governor. The ballots being placed in the ballot box, on examination, it appeared that George E Mitchell, John Stephen, James Butcher, Thomas W. Hall and Reverdy Ghiselin were elected. Whereupon it was resolved, that the above gentlemen be the Council to the Governor. Adjourned

Wednesday, November 13.

Mr. Joseph Ennalls, a delegate returned for Dorchester County, and Mr. George W. Jackson, a delegate returned for Somerset County, appeared, qualified and took their seats.

On motion by Mr. Donaldson, leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, entitled, an act for regulating the mode of staying executions, passed at November session, 1791. Ordered, that Messrs. Donaldson, Ennalls and Sanders be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the examiner general relative to his fees, which was read; and a communication from the clerk of the court of Appeals for the Western Shore, relative to the attendance of the Judges, which was read and referred to the committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice.

On motion by Mr. Ennalls, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, a supplement to the act of 1785, and the supplementary acts thereto, which provided for the poor of Dorchester county. Ordered, that Messrs. Ennalls, Smoot, and Stevens be a committee to prepare and bring in the same. Adjourned.

Thursday, November 14.

The house met. On motion by Mr. Little, leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the erection of booths within 3 miles of any camp or quarterly meeting in Queen Ann's county.

Mr Jump delivers a bill authorising the levy of a sum of money upon the assessable property in Queen Ann's and Caroline counties, for the purpose of building a bridge over the head waters of Tuckahoe creek. Read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to authorise and empower the Judges of the Levy court of Caroline county to discontinue so much of the public road as is therein mentioned, endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendment," which amendment was read. And a message from the senate informing the house that they have appointed Messrs. Dorsey, Davis, Holbrook William Hollingsworth and Hawkins, a committee on the part of that body to compare and examine all bills from time to time during the session, as soon as they shall be severally engrossed, which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from the governor elect, notifying his acceptance, which was read.

Mr. Little delivers a bill entitled, An act to prevent the erection of booths within three miles of any Methodist camp or quarterly meeting in Queen Ann's county, which was read.

Mr. H. Hall delivers a supplement to the act entitled, an act to empower the inhabitants of the town of Havre de Grace to elect the commissioners thereof, which was read. Adjourned.

COMMUNICATION.

From the Governor to the Legislature of this State.

In Council, Annapolis, Nov. 1811.

GENTLEMEN,

IT is to us a source of great plasure, to be enabled to inform the general assembly that the building erected for the purpose of carrying into effect the act concerning the crimes and punishments, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and nine, is now completed, and in all respects prepared for the reception of those criminals who may be condemned to work and labour therein. This valuable institution, we confidently trust, will answer the wise, politic and humane views of the legislature; and while it shall greatly promote the moral improvement of those unhappy persons who may become victims to lawless violence of their own unbridled passions, will effectually enforce every necessary of the criminal justice of our country. In cherishing this hope, so consolatory to the philanthrophic feelings of the heart, we derive much encouragement from the happy experience of our sister states, whose enlightened policy it has been to reduce to actual experiment what before was only admired in theory and speculation. Under the wise and superintending care of the legislature, this useful establishment cannot fail to prove an efficient corrective of vice, and a powerful auxiliary to virtue. In conformity to the direction of the legislature, expressed at their last session, a copy of the Resolution relative to the divisional line between this state and the commonwealth of Virginia, has been transmitted to the governor of that commonwealth, to whom the wish of the general assembly, that a similar resolution might be passed by the legislature of that state, was also communicated. To this proposition no answer has yet been received; to what cause the omission is to be ascribed, has not yet been understood, and therefore cannot be stated or even conjectured.—No commissioners have been appointed on the part of this state, because as the concurrence of both parties interested was essential to the accomplishment of the object of the resolution, it was deemed unnecessary to make an appointment until it was ascertained that a similar proceeding would be adopted by the legislature of Virginia.

The resolution empowering the Executive to grant indulgence to certain debtors of the government, upon the terms and conditions therein stated, has not been acted upon, because no application has been made for the extension of payment thereby authorised. As directed by a resolution of the legislature, the Executive appointed a person to take care of and preserve the public arms deposited in the Arsenal at the seat of government, the duties of which trust they believe to have been regularly & attentively executed. The Executive have also contracted for such repairs of the stadthouse as they deemed necessary for its preservation, which have been in part executed. They think it at the same time proper to suggest, that a further appropriation will be indispensable to execute the object of the General Assembly, and repair the depredations committed by time upon that valuable and costly building. Upon this subject, however, it is supposed to be unnecessary further to enlarge, as the means of information are equally accessible to all. The resolution relative to an exchange of laws with our sister states has been complied with. Conformably to a resolve of the legislature passed at their session, we have caused to be printed, for the use of the state, one thousand copies of Chancellor Kilty's compilation of English and British Statutes, upon such plan and arrangement as to consult economy; and make them conveniently assort with the revised code. They beg leave also to remark, that no time has been lost in adopting every practicble means to have Arsenals properly fitted up and prepared at Frederick Town and Easton, for the reception and safe keeping of the public arms.

Conformably to the provisions of an act of the General Assembly, passed at November session, 1808, the Executive have purchased twelve hundred stand of arms, two field pieces, fifty braces of horseman's pistols, and one hundred horseman's swords, all of which have been received except the pistols, which it is expected will be sent on as soon as practicable; twelve hundred cartridge boxes have also been contracted for, one half of which have been received; the remainder are ready for delivery, and are daily expected. The Governor and Council herewith transmit to the General Assembly, sundry communications from the executive departments of our sister states, upon the subject of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States, inhibiting any citizen thereof from accepting, claiming or retaining, any title of honor or nobility, without consent of Congress, or accepting or retaining any present, pension, office or emolument, from any foreign power. They also transmit sundry communications which have been received from our sister states, relative to an exchange of laws. The general assembly will likewise receive herewith a copy of an act passed by the Legislature of the state of New York, together with a communication from the commissioners thereby appointed, the object of which seems to be, to solicit our aid, and co-operation in an improvement of the internal navigation of that state.

Congratulating you, Gentlemen, upon your safe arrival at the seat of govern-