

LEGISLATURE,

HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MARYLAND.

MONDAY, November 30.

The house met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Hopewell, Mr. Callis, Mr. Welsh appeared in the house.

The bill annulling the marriage of Britania Marshal, of Dorchester county, with the message relating thereto was sent to the senate.

Mr. Green had leave of absence.

The bill for the relief of Henry Hawkins Young; the bill for the benefit of Alfred Jones, and the bill to lay out a certain road in Harford county, were severally read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of Monica Greenwell was read the second time, the resolution therein contained, assented to and sent to the senate.

A petition from Edward Welsh, of Baltimore county, praying a divorce, was preferred read, and referred.

Mr. Stone delivers a report on the petition of J. B. Chirac; which was read.

The bill for the benefit of Margaretta Chalmers was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Leave given to bring in a further additional supplementary act to the act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers.

The following resolution was read and agreed to.

Resolved, that on Tuesday, the first of December next this house will proceed to the appointment of a director to the bank of Baltimore, on behalf of this state for the ensuing year.

The following message was sent to the senate.

We propose with the concurrence of your house, to proceed on Thursday next to the election of two directors on the part of this state in the Union Bank of Maryland; and to regulate said election we have adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the two directors to be appointed on the part of this state in the Union Bank of Maryland be elected by ballot, and the two persons having a majority of the ballots of all the attending members of both houses of the legislature, be declared duly elected directors on the part of this state in the Union Bank of Maryland.

A memorial from the justices of the orphan's court of Kent county, praying that certain papers in said court may be recorded, and a memorial from Elie Williams, and others, praying the chancellor may be authorized to carry into effect an agreement made by the administrators of Robert Elliott and Elie Williams, were preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Seth delivered a bill, entitled, an act to alter and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the residence of voters; which was read.

A petition from Molly Walker, of Worcester county, praying a divorce, was preferred, read and referred.

Ordered, That the bill to alter and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the residence of voters, be recommitted for amendment.

The clerk of the senate delivered a bill to make valid a deed from Isaac Dixon to John Dashiell for part of a tract of land called Dixon's Green, endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed; and a bill, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act to establish a bank, and incorporate the subscribers thereto; which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying for a road; and a petition from John Maloy, of Cecil county, praying he may be allowed to follow the business of a hawker and pedlar without paying license, were preferred, read and referred.

Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act for the more effectual preservation of the breed of wild deer in Somerset county.

The supplement to the act to regulate elections, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Winder delivered a bill, entitled, a further additional supplementary act to the act, entitled, an act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers, which was read. Mr. Kerr appeared in the house. Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 1.

The house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Green. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The further supplement to the act to regulate elections, was sent to the senate.

A petition from Peggy Forbes of the city of Baltimore, praying a divorce, a petition from Charles S. Ridgely, counter to the petition of Nathaniel Williams and others, praying an addition to the city of Baltimore, a petition from the officers of the third brigade, suggesting several provisions necessary in the militia system, and a petition from William Jessop, on behalf of the Liberty Fire Company, in the city of Baltimore, praying a lottery for the benefit thereof, were preferred, read and referred.

Mr. Jackson delivered a bill, entitled, an act authorizing a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, which was read.

Mr. Gale, of Kent, delivered a bill, entitled, an act to provide for transcribing and recording certain records and papers in the register's office of Kent county, which was read.

Mr. Stewart delivered an unfavorable report on the petition of Peggy Forbes, which was twice read and concurred with.

The bill for the relief of Mary Gwynn, was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of Elisha Hopkins, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

A petition from Stephen Rhyner, of Talbot county, praying an act of insolvency, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne Arundel, Prince George's and Montgomery

counties, praying for a bridge over Patuxent river at or near the mill of John Crow, were preferred, read and referred.

Ordered, that the bill for quieting possessions, and securing and confirming the estates of purchasers, have a second reading on Thursday the 10th inst.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to encourage the establishing a hospital for the relief of indigent sick persons, and for the reception and care of lunatics, and after making a number of additions thereto, the question was put that the said bill be recommitted for amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from Thomas Dye Cockey & Joshua Frederick Cockey, of Baltimore county, praying the auditor may be authorized to state the account of Thomas Cockey Dye, deceased, for surplus interest on final settlement certificates paid into the treasury by him, was preferred, read, and referred.

A memorial from Alexander McDonald and others, praying that an earlier day may be appointed for the second reading of the bill for quieting possessions, &c. and that they may be heard by counsel in favour thereof, was preferred and read.

The question as put, That the house adjourn? Determined in the negative, yeas 18, nays 37.

On motion, That the bill for quieting possessions, &c.—have a second reading on Friday next? The question was put, That the house now adjourn? Determined in the negative.

On motion the question was put, That the order for the second reading of the said bill, passed this day, be rescinded? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, that the same have a second reading on Wednesday the 9th instant? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on Friday next, and resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning.

BY THIS DAY'S MAILS.

BOSTON, December 7.

Non-importation act. A memorial to congress, on the subject of the non-importation act, was no sooner struck off yesterday, than hundreds without distinction to political party immediately subscribed.

Arrived, brig Star, Swan, 43 days from Cowes. Eng. gum, &c.

Brig Betsy, Barker, from Rotterdam, but last from the Downs, 48 days, gin, &c.

On Saturday last, we experienced a severe blow from E. S. E.—some apprehensions are entertained for the safety of several vessels which sailed the day before—we think the gale was of so short duration that but little was to be apprehended. Some damage was done in this harbor.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 10.

ARRIVED.

The brig Mary-Ann Lawson, 17 days from St. Pitres, Martinique, sugar, coffee, cocoa and cassia. Left about 25 sail of American vessels, amongst them were, the brig Celia Smith, for New-York in 8 days; schr. Wolcott, Allen, for do, in 10 days; and brig James Wells, Lee, for do, in 14. The brig Sally-Ann, Daniels, from N. York via Antigua had arrived. In lat. 20, long. 65, 60, spoke schr. Sally, Parker, 7 days from Barbados for Carlisle. Lat. 32, 30, long. 70, spoke schr. Liberty, Radcliff, 21 days from Cayenne, for New-York. Fifty miles to the southward of Sandy Hook, spoke schr. Frances, Ryan, 16 days from Havana, for Philadelphia.

Brig Anna, Amazeen, of Portsmouth, N. H. in 36 days from Point Petre, (Gu.) sugar, coffee, cotton and molasses. Nov. 23, lat. 34, 9, long. 76, spoke ship Pomona, Dunlap, in 60 days from Liverpool, for Charleston. Dec. 2, in lat. 40, 10, spoke schr. Boston, Chase, 50 days from Bonavista, for Nantucket.

Brig James Williams, Dawson, from St. Jago de Cuba, and 20 days from Montego bay, Jamaica, sugar, coffee and cotton, bound to Philadelphia, and put in here in distress. Left at St. Jago. schr. Caroline, Hinckman, of Norfolk. Left at Montego bay, brig Nancy of Norfolk.

Schr. Hannah, Pollard, from Fredericksburgh, wheat and flour.

Schr. Alpha, Comstock, 3 days from Baltimore, flour.

Schr. Laurel, Hopkins, 60 hours from Norfolk, flour, corn and dry goods.

Schr. Friendship, Evans, 3 days from Baltimore, provisions for the navy, flaxseed and dry goods. Spoke at anchor under Smith's Island, the sloop director, from Philadelphia for Baltimore—had lost one anchor and cable, and her sails much torn.

Schr. Republican, Brown, 16 days from St. Augustine, cedar, hides and oranges. Left, schr. Commerce, of Charleston.

Below last night, the British ship Lord Caldwell, from Antigua; brig Eliza, Jewett, 170 days from Sicily, salt; brig Sussex, Guadalupe, via Antigua; schr. Pearl, 17 days from Barracoa; no wind.

Cleared, brig Scamen, Lasher, Algiers; schr. Manchester, Cropsey, Guadalupe; Grand Sachem, Holmes, Baltimore; sloop Samaritis, Slocum, Charleston.

At Hell Gate.—Ship Catharine, Marshall, from Leghorn, via Newport, wine, oil, marble, drugs; brig Phoenix, from Oronoke, via Newport.

Two other ships and a brig—one is a new ship from Connecticut river.

The brig Ceres, Wood, from Kingston for New-York, has put into Savannah in distress—had lost one of her crew, and two others unfit for duty.

The British ship Alexander, Wenott, from Surinam, for New-York, laden with sugar, cocoa, &c. was cast away on South Beach, Long-Island, on Sunday last.—Vessel, cargo, captain, supercargo and one man lost.

Mr. Rose. In a paragraph published yesterday (extracted from a Philadelphia paper) relating to the extraordinary envoy expected from the British court, it was stated that he was only four and twenty years of age. A gentleman who was at school with him authorizes us to say that this is a mistake. George H. Rose is at least thirty-eight years of age, a man of superior talents, large fortune, and has represented the town of Southampton in several successive parliaments. [Daily Advertiser.]

Madame STAEL has been banished by the order of the French emperor, to her estate in Switzerland, for having written the elegant novel of *Corinne*, in which, to a beautiful review of the fine arts in Italy, she has given a very flattering analysis and illustration of the English character and manners.

ACCIDENT. Last Monday night the sloop Liberty, captain Cobb, on her passage from Albany to this city, with a load of wheat, was overtaken by a sudden flaw of wind, and immediately sunk. The captain and hands belonging to the sloop, together with four out of six passengers that were on board, got into the long boat and saved themselves. The other two went down with the sloop. One of them, we understand, is a Mr. Forman, of N. Jersey, by trade a Tanner and Currier, who was on his way home from Lansingburgh, where he had been at work; the other a Mr. Crulles, a Scotchman.

Danish Proclamation.—We have before us a proclamation of the King of Denmark informing all Danish and Norwegian seamen, who navigate in vessels of foreign nations, and all individuals of their land forces who have deserted, that their services are required on account of the war that has broken out, and offering them pardon if they will return.

PHILADELPHIA, December 11.

Arrived.—ship Orion, Bell, Batavia, 98 days coffee and sugar; ship Maysville, Smith, St. Kitt's, rum, &c.; brig South Carolina, Serill, Charleston, 6, Rice & cotton; schr. Erect, Lake, Curacao, 32, cocoa and salt; Catharine, Miller, St. Bander, 50, ballast; sloop Farmer Branch, Bird, New-York, 5.

Cleared, brig Elizabeth, Campbell, St. Croix; Alba, Jewitt, Barbadoes; Ruth, Read, N. Carolina; schr. Renown, Allen, Bermuda; Gov. McKean, Kitchen, St. Croix.

Ship Orion, Bell, from Batavia, left there August 31st, in addition to those reported by the brig Globe in our last; the ship Belisarius, —, of Boston; ships Dorothea, Daugherty and Asia, Williamson, from Philadelphia, passed Anger Point 26th August, out 97 days, all well; ship Fame, Jones, of and for Philadelphia, was to sail in 4 days after the Orion. Sept. 1st, off Bantam Bay, was boarded by the British sloop of war Fox, treated politely, &c.—also spoke the ship Sand-ich, Luncomb, of Philadelphia, from Bantam, bound to the West coast of Sumatra, all well—they informed us that the other ship in sight was the William Penn, of Baltimore, bound to Batavia.

September 2d, in the straits of Sunda, passed brig Eliza, Chase, of Nantucket, from Madagascar, with skins, bound to Canton, all well. November 14th, lat. 19 N, long 55 W, spoke schooner Betsey, Thomas, 26 days from Salem, bound to Martinica. Nov. 20th, 1807, lat. 22, 29, N. long. 65, 14, W. spoke sloop Caroline, of New-London, Enoch Bowles, master, 5 days from Bermuda, bound to Antigua. November 26, 11, N. long. 68, 34, W. spoke the Bark William, 7 days from New-York, bound to Turks-Island.

Schr. Erect, Lake, from Curacao. Left there, the 5th ult, brig Washington, —, just arrived from New-York, in 46 days; schr. —, of Wilmington, Del. from Porto Rico; and the British frigates Arethusa and Hebe. Nov. 21, in lat. 20, 17, long. 68, 30, was boarded by the British frigate Melampus, and treated politely. Dec. 2, spoke sloop Scynthia, —, from Rhode Island, for Charleston, in lat. 33, 48, long. 73, 58, out 16 days, had been blown out of her course by a gale which lasted 3 days.

Schr. Catharine, Miller, from St. Antonio, left there, 17th of October, ship Orient, of Marblehead, to sail in 4 or 5 days. Oct. 23, lat. 45, 13, long. 7, 4, spoke the brig Cato, of Marblehead, from New-Orleans, 99, spoke a ship, black bottom and yellow sides, armed, from New-York, could not learn where she was bound. Nov. 18, lat. 41, 23, long. 66, 28, spoke brig Betsey, of St. Johns, N. B. captain Bradford, from Lisbon, bound to Philadelphia, 87 days out. Nov. 26, lat. 41, 33, long. 57, spoke brig Frederick, of and from Boston, bound to Bilbao, 5 days out.

Ship John Jay, —, of and for Providence. R. I. from Batavia, with a cargo of 7000 peculs of coffee, is lost in the straits of Sunda. The crew and a small part of the cargo only saved.

Extract of a letter, dated Lancaster, December 8.

"This day the report of the committee of the whole of last year, respecting the impeachment of the governor was called up, and after some argument, the question on referring it to a select committee was taken, yeas 42, nays 42, of consequence the motion of reference was lost. Mr. Kelton was absent, and Mr. Worthington voted against the reference. The subject, however, is still before the house, for although the house have refused to refer to a select committee, they may, if they think proper, refer it to a committee of the whole house, or the house may act upon it and adopt the report of the committee of last year. The presumption, however, is, that it will not be touched again, for without Mr. Worthington's vote, it must be lost.

"This day the senate sent down to the house of representatives, a resolution on the subject of addressing the general government expressing the readiness of the legislature of this state, to co-operate with the general government in such measures as they may think prudent, in vindicating the honor, and defending the independence of the United States. This will probably lead to some animated discussion, and be otherwise productive of good."

Extract of a letter from a friend now at Washington, to the Editor of the Freeman's Journal, dated Washington, Dec. 8, 1807.

The house of representatives were yesterday several hours in convulsion on a message from the president, understood, out of doors, to relate to our affairs with Great Britain. Nothing is suffered to transpire but it is believed, that there is no ground for new alarm. I know at least one member, who had formed an opinion, before the dispatches came to hand, that as matters now stood; if we should have war, it would be our own fault; and I am happy to assure you, that his opinion instead of being weakened by the dispatches, has been completely confirmed."

From the respectable standing of the writer of the above, the public may rely with confidence, on the information contained in it. [Freeman's Journal.]

Extract of a letter from three workmen who are setting up a Steam Engine, invented or improved by Oliver Evans, for sawing timber on the Mississippi above New-Orleans, dated October 27th, 1807.

"We now with pleasure inform you, that on Sunday, 30th August, we started two saws. This was a high day, we had invited the inhabitants of the coast, and many of them attended, wondering at the power, and making many curious observations. Some attributing the extraordinary power to the agency of the devil, being, in their opinion, beyond the power of human art. Since the 16th day of September, the mill has gone steady, and we may say has sawed 2000 feet every day. Another saw will be ready to go by Christmas. We have altered your plan from four saws to three, and Mr. Donaldson (the owner) is much pleased with it, finding that three saws will be as many as he can supply with logs, and cart the boards to the river; and we mean to put up a small pair of stones to grind corn. We have power plenty to drive the whole, with less than 100lbs. power in the boilers. We have made the simplest and best parallel motion that ever was made. Our boilers are complete in every respect, and we have made some improvement in the furnace; our engine could not have been made better; nothing of the kind ever went better; every part of the work is well executed. Mr. Donaldson said the other day, that 'if he had his wish he did not know how it could be made better.' When we get all going the mill will clear Mr. Donaldson one hundred and twenty dollars per day. We now work with 36lb. power in our boilers. This you may publish in Philadelphia and set our names to it, if you choose. John Lewis, Millwright.

Mark Shackhouse, Steam Engineer.

Malton Rogers, Blacksmith.

Observations by the Inventor.

We see by this extract, that the engine works well, and does not get out of order. They saw 2000 feet of boards in 12 hours, with only 56lb. to the inch power of steam in the boilers. Now they may at pleasure, whenever it becomes necessary, by a small addition of fuel, raise the power to 150lb. with safety; when the engine will be able to saw 6000 feet in 12 hours. The working cylinder of this engine is 9 inches diameter, with a three feet stroke of the piston, 36 revolutions of the crank per minute. This is the only engine yet discovered, and in use, that will ever prove highly useful in navigating the Mississippi, or such other streams as afloat the current; and I dare venture to pronounce, that there is no other known principle in nature left to effect this great object, by the power of steam.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 30.

The ship Commerce; 14 days from Boston, was coming in last evening. There was another ship in the offing bound in.

Nov. 10, capt. Dent of the Hornet, spoke a brig from New-London, bound to Barbadoes. 12th, spoke a schooner 17 days from Portsmouth, N. H. bound to Dominica. 17th, spoke schr. Regulator, from St. Bartholomews, bound to N. York, 8 days out.—19th, spoke a ship off a whaling voyage, bound to Nantucket.—25th, spoke a schooner from New-York, bound to Savannah.

December 2.

Captain Cottin of the brig Eliza, which arrived from Congo on Monday last, reports that fifteen days ago he was boarded by the Lilly, British sloop of war, 20 days from England for Antigua, and treated with marked politeness. They informed captain C. that there had been a very great probability of a war with Great-Britain and the United States, but that it had been amicably arranged, otherwise he would have been a good prize. The seamen's protections were not asked for, nor the smallest trouble given. The Lilly heretofore has rendered herself conspicuous in her conduct towards the Americans.

Dec. 3.—Arrived ship Agnes, Bunce, Philadelphia, 8 days; Minerva, Burdick, N. York, 7; brig Sally, Traver, Newport, R. I.; Cumberland, Fellows, Boston, 15; schr. Commerce, Chunnides, St. Augustine, 3; Mars, Hatch, Middletown, Connecticut, 14; Fair Play, Hatch, Falmouth, (Mass.) 17; Hope, Green, Gold Coast, (Africa) 62; Betsey, Bennet, New-York, 12; Sylvia, Lincoln, Philad. 18; and sloop Nancy, Simpson, New-York, 9 days.

NORFOLK, Dec. 4.

An occurrence of yesterday has excited some interest, arising from the recollection of a recent circumstance; we shall state to our readers the particulars of the occurrence of yesterday, as they have been related to us, and as we believe to be correct.

A French seaman, belonging to the French ship *L'Impetueuse*, the ship that was destroyed by the British on this coast, had some time since entered at Baltimore, on board one of the gun-boats in the service of the U. States. Yesterday he deserted and got on board the

tender of the French ship *L'Patriot*, declaring his wish to return into the service of his country. The officer commanding the gun-boat discovered, and demanded the seaman, who the French officer refused to deliver him. Some discussion was had, when the American officer departed, under an expectation, or a promise that the man should not be removed, until the affair could be represented to commodore Decatur. While the officer was on board the Chesapeake, waiting the orders of commodore Decatur, and for a letter which he was then writing to the French commander, the Patriot's boat passed with the seaman in question on board, upon which orders were issued by the commodore, to man one of the Chesapeake's boats, and pursue the French boat, with orders to his officer to endeavour to prevail on the French officer to return and come alongside the Chesapeake, but to bring the deserter back at all events. Upon the boat's getting alongside, some altercation ensued, partly, we understand, by accident, & without design to injure or offend.

The French officer, we understand, agreed to return to the Chesapeake. Afterwards some correspondence took place between commodore Decatur, and the commander of the Patriot, the contents of which we are not informed of. We understand that both officers adhered, the one in refusing, and the other insisting, the result however is, that the man was taken and carried on board the Chesapeake, where he now remains until the pleasure of government shall be known.

Such is a concise state of the facts, as relate to this unpleasant business, upon which we mean to offer no remarks, except to repeat what we have done upon another occasion, that the employment of foreign seamen, particularly deserters, will generally be productive of mischief; and it is to be lamented that the officers commanding, are not invested by government with power to act according to the justice of the case when they are satisfied.

Accounts of this affair went off by the mail to the navy department, and the French minister.

[Ledge.]

Arrived, Bremen barque Patriot Grunning, Probst, 105 days from London, ballast, in distress, having carried away in a gale on the 28th Sept. the foremast, main and mizen topmasts, together with the sails and rigging. Spoke Nov. 21, in lat. 33, 16, long. 71, 26, schr. Experiment, Rogers, of and bound to Baltimore, in great distress, very leaky, and lost the most of his sails, had been 40 days at sea, did not understand where she was from; was endeavoring to get into Bermuda.

Brig Thomas, Wallace, 69 days from Jamaica, bound to Philadelphia, in distress; very leaky and lost the greater part of her sails.

Schooner Jane, Bayd, 4 days from New-York.

Schooner Independent, Brinkley, 28 days from Charleston.

In Hampton Roads, bound to Baltimore, schr. Eliza, Husband, 15 days from Barracoa.

The ship Eliza-Ann, 66 days from Liverpool, bound to City-Point, anchored in Hampton Roads this forenoon.

The brig Narcies, Barclay, of and from this port has arrived at St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica.

The schr. Ruby, Murray, of and from Charleston, to the south side of Cuba, was lost on the 12th of October, on the north end of Great Henega, crew and part of the cargo saved. The boat was dispatched to Cuba, with about 1700 dollars worth of property, but was fallen in with by a French privateer who plundered all the property, and treated the people in the boat with great barbarity. They reached Barracoa in great distress.

RICHMOND, December 8.

Yesterday being the day appointed by law for the meeting of the general assembly of the Commonwealth, & a quorum of the house of delegates having assembled, they proceeded to choose a Speaker, when Hugh Nelson, esq. was appointed.

GREENOCK, October 28.

Shipwreck.—The brig George, arrived on Tuesday se'night in Limerick river, from New-York, on her passage most providentially fell in with the Golden Rule, of Wiscasset, from which the following most afflicting account has been received:—"The ship Golden Rule, capt. Austin sailed from Wiscasset with a cargo of timber on the 8th of September. On the 29th of the same month, she experienced a severe gale from S. E. and at 8 o'clock, A. M. we discovered she had sprung a leak, and had four feet water in her hold; at 9 o'clock it had increased to 8 feet, notwithstanding we had two pumps going, and were throwing her deck load over board, which we were enabled to do very slowly, from the sea driving the planks above deck and wounding the crew. About 10 o'clock the water had increased to twelve feet, and the gale had evidently increased; the crew, and all on board, were quite exhausted, and going into the cabin, we found she was falling fast. The main and mizen masts were cut away to prevent her from upsetting, and she was quite clear of deck load. At 11 o'clock she was full up to her main deck, and all her bulk heads were knocked away. It now occurred to us to endeavour to save some bread, and Mr. Andrew Boyd, the first mate, with great resolution, went into the cabin and was enabled to get out some bread and 2 bottles rum, but so rapidly did she fill, from the timber of her cargo shifting, that he was forced to break through the sky-light to save himself.

Our small stock of provisions was now put into the binacle, as a secure place. It had been there but a few minutes, when a tremendous sea struck us and carried away the binacle. We had now little hope left; the wheel was broke, and we proceeded to