LEGISLATURE, House of Delegates, Maryland. Saturday. Dec. 12.

The house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The supplement to the act authorising a ottery for raising a sum of money for the ector and vestry of Saint. Thomas's parish. In Baltimore county, was sent to the senate. A petition from Solomon Allen, of Balmore county, praying an act of insolvency,

was preferred, read, and referred. Ordered, That the bill for the extension of Pratt street, in the city of Baltimore, have a second realing on Thursday next. Ordered, That the report on the memorial of Jeremiah T. Chase, have a second

reading on Friday next. A memorial from Mathew Hopkins, register of wills, for Worcester county, prayind certain papers in his office may be recorded. as preferred read, and referred. Mr. T. Moffit delivers a favourable report on the petition of Letitia (rookshanks;

which was read. The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the relief of Mary Gwinn, with the fol-

lowing message : We have received your message of the 7th inst. accompanied by a bill, entitled. an act for the relief of Mary Gwinn, of Frederick county, desiring a re-consideration of the amendments made by the senate. We assure you that the senate did not act

on the bill without due deliberation, therefore decline receding therefrom. Which was read. Also the bill authorising Alexis Boone, late sheriff of Prince George's county; to complete his collection, endorsed, " will pass with the proposed amendment;" which

amentment was read. Mr. Holbrook delivered a bill, entitled. An act to build a bridge, and open a road in Caroline county; which was read.

Mr. Harryman d-lived a bill, entitled An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for the vestry of Saint-John's parish, in Harford and Baltimore counties which was read.

The bill to open and make a public road to Graceham, in Frederick county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the se-

A petition from George P. Hinckle, of Allegany county, stating, that he purchased a tract of land of Thomas Beall, of Samuel, surveyed for him by virtue of a warrant obtained by John Swan, but no patent can issue, as the said Swan denies having made any assignment of said warrant, and praying relief, and a petition from William Kerr, of Baltimore county, praying an act of insolvency were preferred, read, and re-

Ordered. That the report on the memorial of Jeremiah T. Chase be recommitted for amendment.

Mr. W. H. Brown delivered a favourable report on the report of the trustees of Charlottee Hall school; which was read.

A petition from Martha Gandy, of Frederick county, praying a divorce, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Denton, in Caroline county, praying additional powers to the c mmissioners thereof, and that the money arising from licenses to retailers may be applied to the benefit of said village, was preferred, read, and refered.

Mr. Shaaff delivers the report on the memorial of Jeremiah T. Chase, as amended; which was read.

Ordered, That the same have a second

reading on Friday next. The house adjourns till Monday morning.

Monday, December 14. The house met. Present as on Saturday,

except the speaker. The house proceeded to ballot for a sp a ker protein. and upon examining the ballot

it appeared, that Levin Winder, Esq. was unanimously elected. The proceedings of Saturday were read. A petiti n from William Rose, James Booker and Philemon Willis, praying to be released as securities of William S. Bond for

on their relinquishing their title thereto. was preferred, read and referred. The bill for the benefit of James Griffin was read the second time, passed and sent to

the purchase f land by him from the state,

the senate. The bill to prevent swine from going at at large in the town of Bell-Air, in Harford county, was read the second time, and the question put, that the same be recommited? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from the convention of the protestant episcopal church in Maryland, praying they may be vested with corporate powers, a petition from the same, praying the legislature may adopt some measure to prevent gambling, and a memorial from Nichlas Brewer, register in chancery, stating that the room occupied for his office, is too small, and praying that another in the west corner of the state-house may be finished for the said office, were preferred, read, and

referred. The clerk of the senate delivers a memorial from bishop Clagett and others, the convention of the protestant episcopal church in Maryland suggesting the impropriety of granting divorces; which was read. The bill for the benefit of the joined Evangelic Lutheran and Evangelic Presbyterian congregation of St. Pauls church, in Washington county, the bill to authorise the drawing of a lottery within the city of Baltimore for the purpose therein mentioned, the supplement to the act authorising a lottery for rasing a sum of money for the rector and vestry of St. Thomas's parish, in Baltimore county, the bill to confirm certain deeds of conveyance made to Joseph Leonard, and

other persons therein named, and the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees of the senate, with the bill therein mentioned. poor of Montgomery county severally endorsed " will pass" ordered to be engrossed. The bill outhorising a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed, "will not pass." And the resolution in favor of Evans Willing, endorsed, "dissented from."

Leave given to bring a supplement to an act respecting runaway negroes, and for ther purposes.

The bill to lay out, streighten and confirm, a certain road in Harford county, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. J. Brown delivers a bill, entitled, an act to lay out and make public a road in Queen-Anne's county: which was read. The house adjourns till to-morrow morn-

Tuesday, December 15.

The house met. Present as on yesterday The proceedings of yesterday were read. Ordered. That Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Stone

be added to the committee appointed on the petition of William Gwinn, and the counter memorial of John Swan. Leave given to bring in a further supple-

ment to the act to alter the m de of collecting the county tax in Harford county, and for other purposes.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to open and make public a road to Graceham, in Frederick county, and the bill to lay out and make a public road in Baltimore county, severally endorsed, " will pass" Ordered to be engrossed. And a bill, entitled, a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act relating to the public roads in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed " will pass;" which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the eastern precincts of Baltimore, counter to the petition for the enlargement of the city of Baltimore, was preferred, read, and re-

The supplement to the act to open and extend a road leading from Whittingham's bridge at Princess-Anne town in Somerset county, to the plantation of George P llit, deceased, &c. was read the second time passed, and sent to the senate.

Ordered, that the second reading of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, be postponed until to-morrow.

A petition from George Fitzhugh of Baltimore county, praying compensation for a negro man who was committed for an attempt to murder, and who made his escape, a petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince George's county, praying for a road, and a petition from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, stating that an act passed in 1805, authorising a lottery for their benefit, and praying that certain persons may be authorised to carry the same into effect, were preferred, read, and referred.

Mr. Stone delivered a favourable report on the petition of Catherine Johnson; which was twice read, and the resolution therein assented to, and sent to the senate. Leave given to bring in a bill to change the place of holding the election in the first

district in Baltimore county. The supplement to the act to lay out and make a public road from the Black House to the Pennsylvania line, in Harford county. was read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kerr delivered a bill, entitled. An act for the relief of Stephen Reyner, an in-

solvent debtor; which was read. The report on the petition of Thomas D. Cockey, and others, was read the second time, the resolution therein assented to, and sent to the senate.

Leave given to withdraw the petition of

Jasper E. Tilly. The report on the petition of John Maloy, was read the second time, the resolution therein assented to, and sent to the se-

The clerk of the Senate delivered the bill authorising the justices of the levy court of Baltimore county to lease and exchange the property therein mentioned, the supplement to the act authorising the collection of certain ground-rents due on lots in the town of Cumberland, the bill for the benefit of James Griffin, the bill for the benefit of John Burgoyne, and the bill to provide for the transcribing and recording certain records and papers in the register's office of Kent county, severally endorsed, "will pass," Ordered to be engrossed. And a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the making passable, through Baltimore county, the public road laid out from the city of Baltimore to the town of Belle-Air, in Harford county,

endorsed, "will pass;" which was read, A petition from sundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying for a road, was

preferred read, and referred. Mr. Forwood delivered the bill to prevent s ine from going at large in the town of Belle-Air, in Harford county, as amended; which was read twice, passed, and sent to the senate.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Clarksburg, in Montgomery county, praying a law to prevent swine and poultry going at large therein, was preferred, read, and ref reed.

Mr. Hawkins delivereda bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Mary Gwinn, of Frederick county; which was read.

The amendments proposed to the bill authorising Benjamin Ray, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collection, were read the second time, the first agreed to, and the second and third dissented from.

Mr. J. Williams delivered an unfavorable report on the petition of William M. Beavans; which was twice read and concurred

We return you the bill anthorising Benj. Ray, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, to complete his collection, with our negative to the two last amendments proposed by your body, and hope that upon a reconsideration of the same, it

will neet with your concurrence.

Mr. Hall delivered a favorable report on
the petition of Rinaldo Johnson; which was read.
The report on the petition of Thomas

Meredith was read the second time, and the resolution therein assented to. Mr. Boon delivered a bill, entitled, a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act for erecting a village at Choptank Bridge, in Caroline county, and for other purpo therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by special order, and passed. Mr. Linthicum delivered an unfavorable report on the petition of sundry inhabitants

of Montgomery county; which was twice rend and concurred with.

Mr. Little delivered a bill, entitled, an act to confirm a certain road in Baltimore coun-

ty; which was read. Mr. Frazier delivered a bill, entitled, an act to increase the allowance of the justices of the orphans' courts in the several counties of this state : which was read.

The house adjourned till to morrow morn-

BY THIS DAY'S MAILS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. Arrived, ship Louisiana, Pelor, 7 days from Savannah, coffee and pimento. Barque Williams, Morris, 14 days from

Turks-Island, salt. Brig George, Anner, 10 days from Havana, sugar and indigo. Left. brig Susan. to sail next day for New-York; sch'r Regulator, of N. York, just arrived from Philadelphia; sch'r Mon ngahela Farmer, to sail in 13 days for New-York; sch'r Enterprize, 12, for do. Sailed in co. sch'r Saoa, Fash, for New-York; brig Camilla, Kennedy, for do. ship Liberty, of Philadelphia, for Tonningen; brig Neptune, Kennedy, for Philadelphia; and brig Pallas, for N. Y. The brig Juno Jacobs, from Salem was at Matanzas. The Gen. Eaton, was to sail in 12 days for Charleston.

Brig Charles, Field, 14 days from New-Orleans, cotton and logwood. Left, sch'r Minerva, Motley; sloop Helen, Bigg; brig Emilia, Philips, from Vera Cruz; Prudence, Rigsda; ship America, Brown; Brother and Sister, Nautin; New Guide, Creagh; American Packet, Morris; ship Aurora, Sutherland, for Bordeaux, in 2 days; Jupiter, Lyle; ship Latona, Alden, loading for Liverpool; Robert, Ferguson; Boreal, Newburyport; Good Intent Dennes; brig Venus, Dunsmore; ship Mary & Nancy, Slaughter, loading for N. Y.; brig Agenora, O'Driscol, loading for Baltimore; sch'r Adventure; ship Eleanor, Lord : Thomas Jefferson, Pollock ; South-Carolina, Sanford; brig Freelon, Hughes; ship Pyomingo, Walsh; brig Edward and Charles, loading for New-York. Spoke, in the Mississippi ship Brutus, of Portland, 57 days from Liverpool; sch'r John, from R. Island; ship Speculation, of New-York 18 days from St. Kitts; Flora, of Gloucester, from Tonningen.

Brig Luna, Starr, 7 days from Savannah

Schr. Rover, Barss, 13 days from Liverpool, N. S. fish and oil. Schr. Joana, Loveland, 4 days from Nor-

folk coal, corn and salt. Schr. Active, Hassam, from Richmond, flour and coal.

Sloop Rover, Lockman, 11 days from Baltimore.

Schr. Zebra, Thompson, 14 days from Guadaloupe, without damage, having been ashore on the W. Bank.

Cleared, ship Delaware, Ferrier, Lisbon; brig Minerva, Noble, Bordeaux; Minerva, Burrell, Hull; Ann, Ross, West-Indies; Ohio, Rust, Jamaica; Georgia, Joceline, Savannah; Diana, Bunker, Nantucket; schr. Eliza, Brown, Dominique; Industry, Livingston, St. Vincents; Themas and Deborah, Crosby, Yarmouth; Swallow, Doan, Halifax; Nassau, Latham, Savannah; sloop Fame, Earl, Nantucket; Independence, Whithurst, Elizabeth city, Fair Play, Green, Providence.

NORIOLK. Dec. 17. Arrived; ship Plutarch, Bacon, 10 days from Plymouth, (Mas.) ballast. British brig Lampsey, Cox, 18 days

from Trinidad, sugar and fruit. Ship Elizabeth, Tuff, 10 days from Baltimore, ballast. Slop Dispatch, Hawley, 16 days from

New-Haven, American produce. Sloop Julian, Foot, 15 days from St. Croix, fruit and molasses,

The brig Flora, Bartlett, from this port, struck and bilged, on the 21st of Oct. going into Leith.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. We have the satisfaction of announcing the arrival of col. Munroe, in this city last

We last evening published an extra paper, containing the important act passed by congress laying an EMBARGO. We now again publish that act, with the most interesting part of the proceedings connected

The following confidential message was communicated to both houses on Friday last, To the senate and house of representatives of the United States.

The communications now made, shewing the great and increasing dangers with which our vessels, our seamen and merchandize are threatened, on the high seas and elsewhere, from the belligerent powers of Europe, and it being of the greatest importance to keep in safety these essential resources, I deem it my duty to recommend the subject to the consideration of congress

tage which may be expected from an inhibi-tion of the departure of our vessels from the ports of the United States.

Their wisdom will also see the necessity of making every preparation for whatever events may grow out of the present crisis. I ask a return of the letters of Messrs. APMSTRONG and CHAMPAGNY, which it would be improper to make public.

TH: JEFFERSON.

December 18, 1807. Extract of a letter from the grand judge,

minister of justice, to the Imperial attorney general for the council of prizes. (TRANSLATION.) Pakis, September 18, 1907.

I have submitted to his majesty the emperor and king the doubts raised by his ex-cellency, the minister of marine and colories, on the extent of certain dispositions of the Imperial decree of the 21st Nov. 1806, which has declared the British Isles in a

state of blockade. The following are his majesty's intentions

on the points in question:

f. May vessels of war, by virtue of the Imperial decree of 21st Nov. last, seize on board neutral vessels, either English proper ty, or even all merchandize proceeding from the English manufactures or territory

Answer - His majesty has intimated that as he did not think proper to express any exception in his decree there is no ground for making any in its execution in relation to any whomsoever fa l'egard de qui que ce neut etre.) His majesty has postponed a decision on the question whether armed French vessels ought to capture neutral-vessels bound to or from England, even when they have no English merchandize on board. (Signed) REGNIER

A bill (substantially the same with that finally passed) passed the senate about 3, P. M. of the same day, on the passage of which the yeas and nays were as follow YEAS Messrs. Adams, Anderson, Bradley, Condit, Gaillard. Gilman, Gregg, Howland, Kitchell, Matthewson, Moore, Mitchill, Parker, Pope, Robinson Smith, of Maryland, Smith, of New-York, Smith of Tennessee, Titha, Thruston, Tur-

NAYS .- Messrs. Crawford, Goodrich, Hillhouse, Maclay, Pickering and White In the mean time the house of representatives continued in secret session and till near 6 P. M. when an adjournment, not without great opposition, was carried.
On Saturday the bill exclusively occupied

the secret deliberations of the house till half past 5 P. M. when they again adjourned. On Monday, the whole day, from 11 A. M. till past 11 P. M. was occupied on the bill, when it passed with amendments, year

82, nays 44, as tollows: YEAS .- Messrs L. J. Iston, W. Alston, Bacon, Bard, Barker, Bassett, Blake, Blount, Boyle, Brown, Burwell, Butler, Calhoun, G. W. Campbell, Carlton, Chandler, M. Clay, Clopton, Cook, Crowninshield, Cutts, Daw son, Deane, Desha, Durell, Findley, Fisk, Franklin, Gardner, Goodwyn, Green, Heister, Helms, Holmes, Howard, listey, Johnson, Jones, Kenan, Knight, Lambert, Love, Marion, M. Creery, J. Montgomery, N. R. Moore, T. Moore, Jer. Morrow, John Morrow, Mumford, Nelson, Newbold, Newton, Nicholas, Porter, Pugh, Rea, (Penn.) Rhea, (Ten.) J. Richards, M. Richards, Riker, Sawyer, Seaver, Sloan, Smilie, J. K. Smith, Southard, Storer, Swart, Taylor, Thomas, Trigg, Troup, Van Allen, Van Cortlandt, Wharton, White-

hitt. Wilbour, M. Williams, Wilson, Winn and Witherell - 82. NAYS. - Messrs. Alexander, Bibb, Blackledge, J. Campbell, Champion, Chittenden, Cobb, Culpepper, Dana, Davenport, Elliott, Ely, Gardenier, Garnett, Goldsborough, Gray, Harris, Hoge, Holland, Jenkins, Kelly, Key, Kirkpatrick, Lewis, Livermore, Lyon, Masters, Milner, Mosely, Pirkin Quincy Randolph, Rowan, Russell, Smelt, S. Smith, Stanford, Stedman, Sturges, Taggart, Tallmadge, Upham, Van Horne, and Van Hensselaer .__ 44.

FEDERAL GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

No paper will be printed at this office
To morrow, CHRISTMAS.

The British ships, says the Norfolk Ledger, have not been seen on our coast for some days. It is believed they have left

1400 letters were received at Boston, by the ship Edward from Liverpool.

MUNROE'S RECEPTION.

Mr. Munroe's arrival in Virginia has excited an enthusiastic joy not to be described on paper. At Norfolk a dinner was given in honor of this gentleman; at which the following toast was given :- " James Munroe, may he receive the just reward of his high merit, by an election to the first rank on earth-president of a free people." How will secretary Madison, and vice president Clinton, receive that? Mr. Munroe received the utmost possible attention on his arrival at Richmond; a splendid dinner was given, at which the members of the legislature attended, and the governor presided. The "Enquirer" concludes his remarks with this paragraph :-

These were high honors paid to Mr. Munroe, but we confidently hope that we may say of him, as Junius has said of lord Chatham, "Recorded honors shall gather round his monument and thicken over him. | the source of their supplies. If is a solid fabric and will support the laurels that adorn it. These praises are extorted from us; but they will wear well, for making enough within herself, and in herthey have been dearly earned."

From the Washington Federalist.

We are of opinion, that the embargo bill could not have been the only subject under consideration, during the time the house sat with closed doors. We are led to this opinion by a variety of circumstances, but particularly by the number of confidential messages which passed between the two houses yesterday. We do not pretend to know the particular points under consideration; but we believe them to be important, them have made us on different occasions.

-who will doubtless perceive all the advant- and pregnant with the most serious consequences to our country. Yesterday in debate, Mr. Masters observed, " that since the dark midnight vote (alluding to the night before) his hopes of peace with Britain were greatly diminished;" and yesterday a member of the legislature, of some eminence who belongs to the presidential squad, told the editor of this paper that war was almost certain; but that it would take a prophet to tell with which power it would be-France or England.

We learn that the above law, when received from the senate, contained only the first section. The second section was an amendment of the house of representatives.

A motion was made by a member in the minority, to amend the bill, by giving it a limited duration, and confining the embargo solely to American vessels. Negatived.

Another motion was made by another member of the minority. to exempt from the effect of the embargo, the vessels of all nations, who by treaty had stipulated with the United States that they should not be subject to such a provision. Negatived.

Many attempts were made by the minority to adjourn, to give time for deliberation, but they failed every motion being negative ed. The advocates for an adjournment, were answered only by an obstinate and contemptuous silence or a rude and vociferous call for the question. At length, at half past FI o'clock Monday night, the questions on the passage of the bill was taken, and carried-Yeas 82 .- Nays 44.

From the National Intelligencer. EMBARGO.

This is a strong measure proceeding from the energy of the public councils, appealing to the patriotism of their constituents, and is of all measures the one peculiarly adapted to the crisis. The honest judgment of all parties has anticipated and called for it.

The measure could no longer, in fact, be delayed without sacrificing the vital in-

terests of the nation. Great-Britain by interpolations into the maritime code operating on her enemies through the violated right of neutrals, furnished an occasion which was seized by the French government for the decree of November 1806 interdicting commerce with Creat Britain, which was adopted by the allies of France, particularly by Spain,

in her decree of February 1807.

The decree of November was followed by the retailiating British order of Jan. 1807, making war on all neutral trade usually carcarried on from the ports of one enemy to

those of another. France, again seconded by Spain and other allies, is retaliating on this order, by new constructions extending their decreesto all trade from British territories or in

British articles: And it is clear that if not already done, Great Britain medicates further retaliations, most probably an interdict of all trade by this country, (now the only neutral one) with the enemies of Great-Britain, that is

to say, with the whole commercial world. To these destructive operations against our commerce, is to be added the late proclamation of Great-Britain on the subject of seamen. This extraordinary instrument, in-tead of relinquishing the pretension with respect to alledged deserters on board national ships, extends it to all British seamen on board; varying only the mode of process, from that used by Berkly, to a redress to beobtained by the government itself. And with respect to seamen in board merchant vesseles, the proclamation has made it the duty of all her sea officers to search for and seize all such as they may call British natives; whether wanted or not for the service of their respective ships. From the proportion of American citizens heretofore taken under the name of British seamen, may be calculated the number of victims to be added by this formal sanction to the claim of British officers, and the conversion of

that claim into a duty. Thus the ocean presents a field only where. no barvest is to be reaped but that of danger, of spoliation and of disgrace.

Under such circumstances the best to be done is what has been done; a dignified retirement within ourselves; a watchful preservation of our res urces; and a demonstration to the world, that we possess a virtue and a patriotism which can take any shape. that will best suit the occasion. It is singularly fortunate that an embar-

will have the collateral effect of makin / its the interest of all nations to change them system which has driven our commerce from the ocean. GREAT BRITAIN will feel it in hermanufactures, in the loss of naval stores and above all in the supplies essential to,

her colonies; to the number of which shall

go, whilst it guards our essential resources

is adding by new conquests.

FRANCE will feel it in the loss of all those colonial luxuries, which she has him therto received through our neutral commerce; and her colonies will at once be cut off from the sale of their productions, and

SPAIN will feel it, more perhaps than any, in the failure of imported food, not populous an important colonies which depend wholly on us for the supply of their daily wants.

It is a happy censideration also attending this measure that although it will have these effects, salutary it may be hoped, on the policy of the great contending nations, it affords neither of them the slightest ground for complaint. The embargo violates the rights of none. Its object is to secure ourselves. It is a measure of precaution, not of