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Maryland Legislature.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Correspondence of the Baltimore American.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 31, 1845.

The following petitions were presented and appropriately referred:

Mr. Ware asked leave to report a bill to disconnect the officers, courts, and judiciary generally, of Baltimore city and county. After some objection it was withdrawn.

Messrs. Bowie and Thomas, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the Governor, stated that they had discharged that duty, and reported that his Excellency would make a communication at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Berry moved to reconsider the vote of the previous day, referring an order relative to repealing the law requiring the *stamping of naturalization* papers, to the Committee on Elections, with a view to refer it to a Select Committee.

Mr. Bowie objected to the change.

Mr. McLane desired that the subject should go to a Select Committee. He referred to the failure of the law, and denounced it as unjust and unconstitutional.

Before disposing of this subject, a message from the Executive was announced.

Wm. H. Wootton, Esq. Secretary of State, presented the Annual Message of the Governor, with accompanying documents. The whole budget, of unusually large size—was received by the clerk.

The proposition to change the reference of the order relative to stamping naturalization papers, was resumed.

On motion of Mr. Bowie, it was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Berry offered a resolution expressive of the sense of the House, on the subject of making "distinctions" between native and naturalized citizens.—Laid over under a rule.

The House adjourned.

IN SENATE.

Mr. Sellman, from the Committee on Elections, submitted a report, embodying the testimony, &c. taken in the case of the contested seat between Messrs. Quynn and Ross, of Frederick county. Ordered to be printed.

The Governor's Message was received and read.

The following is a list of the Standing Committees, appointed to-day:

On the Judiciary—Messrs. Hambleton, Frick, Blackistone, Matthews, and McCullough.

Internal Improvements—Messrs. Gaither, Beall, Frick, Constable and Roberts.

Invalid Deeds and Defective Proceedings—Messrs. Blackistone, Frick, Hamilton and Phelps.

Revolutionary Claims—Messrs. Charles, Townsend, Quynn, Parran, and Roberts.

Insolvent Laws.—Messrs. Palmer, Newcomer, Parran, Moores and Quynn.

Library.—Messrs. Phelps, Bowie, and Constable.

Engrossed Bills.—Messrs. Matthews, Palmer, Sellman, Moores and McCullough.

Pensions—Messrs. Newcomer, Parran and Townsend.

Corporations—Messrs. Constable, Gaither, Bowie, Beall and Ely.

Elections—Messrs. Blackistone, Gaither, Frick, Phelps, and Sellman.

Agriculture—Messrs. Townsend, Constable, Charles, Quynn, and Bowie.

Colored Population—Messrs. Sellman, Roberts, Bowie, Parran, and Townsend.

Militia—Messrs. Ely, Matthews, Newcomer, Parran and Charles.

Executive Nominations—Messrs. Hambleton, Gaither and Bowie.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

January. 1, 1846.

The Rev. Mr. Steel, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Chaplain elect, appeared and officiated in that capacity. The usual badges of respect to the memory of Thomas Wheeler, late member elect from Caroline county, were displayed.

Mr. Vansant submitted a preamble and resolutions, urging the Senators and Representatives from this State in Congress, to suggest and vote for an appropriation for the erection of suitable fortifications on Sollers' Point Flats. They were read by special order, and passed.

Leaves were granted to report bills in reference to the following subjects:

For a reassessment of the real and personal property of this State.

To indemnify losses sustained in the destruction of property along the lines of railroads in the State.

To enable purchasers the more speedily to get possession of property sold by sheriffs and trustees.

To provide for the more speedy and cheaper means of collecting the taxes of Carroll county.

The House adjourned at an early hour to enable the Speaker to appoint the Standing Committees. They will be announced to-morrow.

IN SENATE.

The Senate met. Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. Van Dusen, Chaplain. Without transacting any business of interest, it adjourned.

Governor Pratt has not been able, from indisposition, to attend the Executive Chamber, since the organization of the Legislature. He will probably be out in a few days.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

January 2, 1846.

After the reading of the Journal, the Speaker announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Elections and Privileges.—Messrs. Boone, Orem, Ware, Smyth, Pennington, Wampler, Duckett.

Ways and Means.—Messr. Johnson, Ege, Murray, Boone, Allnut, of Montgomery, McLane, Swan.

Claims.—Messrs. Kent, of A. A., Frazier, Biser, Clagett, Stansbury, Purnell, Dunbracco.

Grievances and Courts of Justice.—Messrs. Bowie, Ferguson, Thomas, Lowe, Jones, Holliday, Patterson.

Insolvency.—Messrs. Selby, Hanson, Zollinger, Kemp, Pennington, Strong, Morris.

Crimes and Punishments.—Messrs. Dennis, Franklin, Allnut, of Cal., Bowen, Gibbons, Cook, Pearson.

Pensions to Indigent Persons and County Assessments.—Messrs. Eccleston, Shellman, Berry, Dorsey, Dellinger, Harrington, Hanson.

Agriculture.—Messrs. Dunbracco, Hoover, Purnell, Gibbons, Maffit, Strong, Bowen.

Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.—Messrs. Raisin, Morris, Hance, Holmes, Smith of Wash., Turner, Smith of Dor.

Internal Improvement.—Messrs. Ferguson, Kent of A. A., Thomas, Swan, Dellinger, Frazier, Boteler.

Education.—Messrs. Reeder, Selby, Carroll, Clagett, Lowe, Dennis, Vansant.

Militia—Messrs. Frazier, Biser, Stephenson, McLane, Turner, Hook.

Manufactures.—Messrs. J. Cook, Kent, of Cal., Combes, Berry, Smyth, Baughman, Street.

Inspections.—Messrs. Dunkinson, Parsons, Orr, Kent, of A. A., Hance, Bowdle, Johns.

Lotteries.—Messrs. Ege, Trittle, Clagett, Schley, Smith, of Dor.. Vansant, Maffit.

Expiring Laws.—Messrs. Cox, Morris, Kemp, Landing, Orr, Wampler, Crampton.

State Library.—Messrs. Johnson, Holliday, Thomas, Carroll, Shellman, Dunkinson, Boone.

Engrossed Bills.—Messrs. Carpenter, Combes, Franklin, Ware, Cook, Street, Eccleston.

Printing.—Messrs. Holland, Reeder, Parsons, Ege, Orr, Cushwa, Hoover.

Federal Relations.—Messrs. Bowie, Johnson, Thomas, Murray, Dennis, Jones, Holliday.

Divorces.—Messrs. Allnut, of Mont.; Allnut, of Cal.; Moffit, Stephen, Zollinger, Harrington, and Duckett.

Retrenchment—Messrs. Carpenter, Wampler, Franklin, Turner, Pearson, Allnut, of Cal.; Baughman.

Colored Population—Messrs. Cook, Reader, Carroll, Landiss Bowie, Cox, Hoover.

Corporations—Messrs. Spellman, Vansant, Selby, Cox, Patterson of Mont., Holmes, Duchett.

Reports were received from several of the county clerks and from the trustees of Centreville Academy, Appropriately referred.

The resolution of instruction to the Committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, relative to any action they might take in reference to the naturalization laws, was passed. No body objecting.

The House adjourned,

IN SENATE.

The resolutions from the House, relative to fortifying Sollers's Point, were referred to a committee.

The usual resolutions of respect to the late Thomas Wheeler, of Caroline, were passed.

The nomination of GEO. R. RICHARDSON, Esq., as Attorney General of Md., was confirmed during an Executive session.

The Senate adjourned over till Monday.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

January 3, 1846.

Mr. Reeder presented a memorial from citizens of Charles county, praying the commutation of the sentence in the case of a colored man of said county, sentenced to be hung, to imprisonment for life.

Mr. Reeder offered an order calling for a general statement from the President of the Maryland Colonization Society, of the number of colonists in Liberia, how many transported since 1840, their location, pursuits, amount expended in transportation, &c. Passed.

Mr. McLane obtained leave to report a bill to modify the act of 1841, ch. 325, known as the income tax Law.

Mr. Johnson doubted the practicability of making the taxation of incomes a substitute.

Mr. Murray favored the propsition.

Mr. Bowie thought the whole plan of Mr. McL. entirely impracticable.

Mr. Clagett thought the suggestions did not go far enough.

The leave to report, with the preamble and resolutions, were referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

January 5, 1846.

Mr. Reeder submitted an order directing that inquiry be made of the Secretaries of the States of Massachusetts and South Carolina, relative to their systems of primary schools. Adopted.

The following leaves were granted to report bills:

To Mr. Ware, to reduce the expenses of the per centage of collectors of State Taxes.

To Mr. Stephens, to substitute biennial for annual sessions of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Carroll, so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the erection of an additional State Tobacco Warehouse in Baltimore city, was referred to the Committee on Inspections.

Mr. Boone submitted an order directing the Committee on Retrenchment to inquire into the expediency of reducing the number of members of the Legislature. Adopted.

The SENATE transacted nothing of interest to-day.

GEN. CASS AT FAULT.—Gen. Cass's war speech, instead of bolstering him up for the Presidency, as he intended, has inflicted upon his prospects a severe blow. Formerly he had many, if not political, strong personal friends, in the Whig party, and undoubtedly he commanded the suffrages of many leading and thinking men of his own. These in both parties, he has shocked if not disgusted. This trafficking for the Presidency by arts to inveigle two nations into butchery of each other, has deeply shocked all moral and upright men.—Gen. Cass has made a blunder, as well as committed a crime, in foolishly sacrificing such an important popularity.—We foresaw that in the Senate he would make such blunders, and the probability now is, that before 1847, he will shove himself off the course by others as weak as this. Presidents now-a-days are not made in the Capitol on the Hill at Washington. Gen. Cass would have done better in Michigan, weeding his garden and trimming his trees.—*N. Y. Express.*

TERRIBLE STEAMBOAT DISASTER.—*Loss of Fifty Lives!*—On the night of the 18th ult., the steamboat Belle Zane, Capt. Brazier, while on her way from Zanesville, O., to N. Orleans, struck a snag about 12 miles below the mouth of White River, on the Mississippi, and immediately turned bottom up. The Picayune says: It was about 12 o'clock when the accident occurred, and the night was cold. Out of some 90 souls on board at the time, upwards of 50 perished by this terrible accident, some of the unfortunate victims only escaping being drowned to freeze to death after reaching the shore. At the time of the disaster of course the passengers were all asleep in their berths, and so suddenly did the boat careen and go over that such as made out to release themselves were only able to snatch a blanket or counterpane from their beds—they had not time to save, much less put on their clothing.

The steamboat Diamond came up soon after the accident, and rescued 16 passengers. The hull separated from the cabin immediately on the occurrence of the accident. The names of those lost could not be ascertained further than that of Mr. Bowen, lady and child, of Zanesville. There were five ladies on board, all of whom were fortunately saved except Mrs. B. The cargo of the boat, consisting of flour, &c., the U. S. mail from Louisville, Memphis, and mouth of the Ohio river, together with the boat and fixtures, was a total loss. Several of the passengers who were saved had reached New Orleans badly frost-bitten.

The Tallahassee papers state that the Hon. Samuel W. Carmack, a Whig, has been elected by the Legislature of Florida Judge of the Superior Court for the Southern Circuit of that State. The Judge is spoken of as a sound lawyer and a man of sterling integrity, and it is only such men who adorn and dignify the bench. This is one among the very rare instances occurring in which the majesty of truth and principle triumphs over party intolerance, and the Legislature of Florida have evinced their wisdom and patriotism in having kept the ermine of justice unpolluted by its baneful influence.—*Charleston News.*

An extract of a letter dated at Lima, on the 7th of September states that the United States squadron have all left there for Honolulu, to take in provisions, and from thence proceed to the coast of Mexico. The country remained in perfect tranquillity, and was likely to remain so, unless a disturbance should take place with Bolivia, of which there was some appearance.

THE JOURNAL.

ROCKVILLE, MD.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1846.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.—None of our readers can regret more deeply than we do, the necessity which prevents us from transferring to our columns this valuable document, every item of which is replete with interest to the people of Maryland. It is a document, the tenor of which is calculated to convince every unprejudiced mind that the Executive power of Maryland has been committed to hands which will spare no labor to retrieve the credit, and uphold the honor of the State. The independent tone of the Message, which must command the admiration of every honorable man in the State, contrasts strikingly with the servile spirit that characterized the recent communications of some public officers.

With a just sense of the responsibility of the station which he occupies, the Governor boldly recommends the continuance and adoption of such measures as have tended, and will tend to the redemption of the public credit and the promotion of the general welfare. With an independence characteristic of those who look to the true interests of their constituency, he marches up to his whole duty, despite the misdirected excitement prevailing in certain portions of the State.

The finances of the State are discussed in an able manner, and facts are adduced which show that the "*downward tendency*" of the State's credit has been arrested, and the financial condition of the State greatly improved within the past fiscal year. There can be no doubt that this cheering result has been produced by the operation of those measures recommended by Governor Pratt to the late Legislature, and adopted by that body. The Governor is justly entitled to a great share of the credit of placing our State in a fair way of redeeming her credit.

But, the Executive is not satisfied with the great amount of good that has already been effected. Like a wise master builder who has laid a good and solid foundation, he proceeds to erect a superstructure that will bid defiance to the enemies of the State's best interests. A succession of propositions, suggestions, and remarks, all looking to the same end, exhibits his determination to save the State of which he is the Chief Magistrate.

CONGRESSIONAL.—Both Houses have been lately engaged in the consideration of the Oregon question. In the Senate, an animated discussion arose upon certain resolutions submitted by Mr. HANNEGAN, of Indiana. These resolutions were opposed by Mr. CALHOUN, whose views of this subject differed widely from those of a majority of Administration Senators.

In the House of Representatives, a bill has been reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations for giving to Great Britain the required twelve months' notice of the cessation of the joint occupation of the Northwestern Territory.

An able report has also been made by the Minority of that Committee, denying the right of the House of Representatives to legislate upon the subject, and therefore recommending that the House refrain from acting upon it.

BALTIMORE AMERICAN.—The last number of this long established and valuable Journal came to us in an enlarged form, and a new and very handsome dress. We congratulate its able and industrious proprietors upon the extensive patronage which has encouraged them to this improvement of their paper.

☞ We are indebted to the politeness of our worthy delegate, N. HOLLAND, Esq. for an early copy of the Governor's message.

There were sent from Philadelphia to New York, through the Delaware and Raritan Canal, during the past year, upwards of 9,492 tons of Pennsylvania Iron, and by the railroad 500 tons—making the total quantity 9,992 tons.

☞ We are sorry to learn that Governor PRATT has been laboring under severe indisposition.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

This important State document, altho' written under the pressure of domestic affliction, commands the attention of every citizen of Maryland, worthy to be called her son. It exhibits for the first time, for many years, the cheering prospect of redemption from the disgrace and embarrassment of insolvency. It shows that the public debt instead of increasing, as in previous years, at the rate of three hundred thousand dollars a year, has been reduced, during the past year, *fifty-five thousand three hundred and sixty-three dollars and thirty-one cents;* and instead of the laws, for the collection of revenue, being disregarded and annulled in seven counties out of twenty-one, they are now in efficient operation in every county, save Calvert, where they are suspended, by the commissioners withholding the assessment books from the collector.

These are the obvious and natural results of the vigorous and enlightened direction of public affairs by an Executive and Legislature willing to assume the responsibility of suggesting, recommending, and enacting laws suited to the emergency, and necessary to redeem "the drowning honor" of the State, regardless of the clamor of demagogues, and the forebodings of time-serving politicians.

The leading recommendations of the Message, which we have only time and space to glance at, are characteristic of its author, enlightened, judicious and strong. The amendment of the Revenue Laws, so as to secure their regular and equal execution throughout the State; the speedy resumption of the payment of the accruing interest on the State debt; the inviolability of the Sinking Fund, as the sheet anchor of public faith and public credit; and such amendments in the several laws for raising revenue to pay the interest on the public debt as will render them sufficient to meet the demands upon the Treasury, and make every citizen contribute to the extinguishment of the public burdens in proportion to his property. These suggestions, with many others of minor importance, together with the arguments by which they are enforced, which we have not space more particularly to allude to, were dictated by a mind anxious to restore the wounded credit of the State; watchful to preserve and protect its interests; capable of comprehending and improving its resources, and shrinking from no responsibility which the crisis requires.

☞ The report of the Treasurer is referred to in the Message, with a handsome testimonial of that officer's merits.

MASSACHUSETTS NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.—The seventh trial to elect a member of Congress from this district was made on Monday, and resulted, to all appearance, like the previous ones, in no choice. Mr. Hale, the Whig candidate, has gained, but not enough to elect him.

☞ A bill to divorce Mrs. S. C. P. THOMAS from her husband, Ex-Governor FRANCIS THOMAS, of Maryland, has passed the House of Delegates of Virginia unanimously.

TEXAS.—An election was held in Texas, on the 15th ult., for Governor and members of the Legislature. The returns indicate that J. P. Henderson is elected Governor. It is regarded as certain that Gen. Houston will be elected one of the U. S. Senators.

The Markets.

GEORGETOWN, January 3, 1846.

FLOUR.—Market has rather an upward tendency. No sales or contract reported to-day to arrive. We presume it would bring $5.12 to 5.25, as in quality.

WHEAT is rather more in demand, and we still quote 100 to 107 cts. for good to prime reds.—*Advocate.*

ALEXANDRIA, January 3, 1846.

FLOUR.—The market is firm. We noticed yesterday considerable inquiry, but heard of no sales. Since the decline the receipts have been very light, and there is very little cheap flour on hand. The wagon price is $5.

GRRIN.—There is a better feeling in the wheat market, and the tendency is upwards.—We quote the wagon price 102a104; receipts small. There is nothing doing in corn—we quote 70 cts.—*Gazette.*

HEAVY LOSS.—A *man?* by the name of Higgins, residing in Boston, a few days since sued a married woman for obtaining goods under false pretences.—The lady had obtained ¼ lb. of tea and two loaves of bread. Pass his name round.

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1 prize of	$30,000	1 prize of	$3,000
1 do	20,000	1 do	2,628
1 do	10,000	1 do	1,500
1 do	6,000	25 prizes of	1,000
1 do	4,000	25 do	500
&c.		&c.	&c.

Tickets $10—Halves $5—Qrs. $2 50.

Certificates of packages 25 whole tickets 130
Do do 25 half do 65
Do do 25 qrs. do 32.50

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1 do	12,500	1 do	2,600
1 do	6,000	20 prizes of	2,000
1 do	4,000	20 do	1,000
1 do	3,577	50 do	500
&c.		&c.	&c.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Montgomery county letters of administration on the personal estate of RICHARD A. JONES, late of said county deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, on or before the 7th of January, 1847; otherwise they may, by law, be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment. Given under our hands this 6th day of January 1846.

ELIZABETH A. JONES,
ZADOK OFFUTT,

jan 7—4t Administrators.