Cambridge Chronicle

AND EASTERN SHORE ADVERTISER.

Saturday Evening, Jan'y 22, 1825.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Selim, Lines to Miss M. C. and "To Jessy" are on file for insertion and shall appear next week.

E. F.'s selection has already been published in the Chronicle.

"The Party" is imperfect—probably from haste in transcribing.

We have received three cantos of a poem entitled La Fayette, said to contain twenty-five cantos—Its prolixity will prevent its publication in this paper.

Beat this who can!—Col. Thomas Ennalls of this county killed a hog, a short time since, which, when alive, weighed 733 pounds and when killed 651 nett weight. It measured from the nose to the root of the tail, six feet eight inches, and around the body, six feet seven inches.

The law altering the time of meeting of the Legislature of Maryland, to the last, instead of the 1st Monday in December, has finally passed and become a part of the constitution of the state.

CONGRESS, since our last, has done very little business of importance. The committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of piracy in the West Indian seas, have reported a bill for the prevention of it, with provisions so strong, that if adopted by Congress, we believe it will put an end to that nefarious practice altogether. This bill empowers our Naval Officers to follow the pirates on land, and if they are in the dominions of his Catholic Majesty, arrest and bring them to the United States for trial. All the other parts of the bill are built on this principle, which it would be tedious to enumerate—such as allowing salvage to captors; blockading the ports of the Spanish islands, in case they refuse to punish, or to surrender up the pirates. The Herald says—What will be the fate of the bill we know not; but if it passes into a law, we are inclined to think WAR WILL BE DECLARED BY SPAIN AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. Whether Ferdinand is able by the aid of the Holy Alliance to make any show of military force, or whether his holy allies will undertake the assertion of his cause, and on what terms, are all questions which wo do not attempt to determine. But the impracticability of Spain doing any injury to the United States, we conceive furnishes no reason why her present monarch would not declare war against the U. States—Ferdinand and his ministry talk now as familiarly about the recovery of the South American dominions, as if he was possessed of the Navy of England, to carry his puerile threats into execution. Why should he not, by the same idiocy of motive, declare war against the United States.

A bill appropriating three hundred thousand dollars to invest a stock in the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal company, passed to a third reading in the House of Representatives, on Friday week, by a vote 85 to 82.

Mr. Hemphill, in his remarks upon the bill, stated, that the whole canal was estimated to cost 1,350,000 dollars; of which 700,000 was already subscribed; and only the countenance of the general government was required to fill up the subscription. The canal is to be 18 feet deep and 60 feet wide; on one part of the canal called the deep cut, more earth will be removed than ever has been removed within the same space, in any of the world.

The President has communicated to Congress, another message in which he solicits an inspection and adjustment of his accounts previous to his retiring from office. He states, that in his opinion, the United States are largely in arrears to him, as will be made manifest, if Congress will take the trouble to make the enquiry. This preposition has occasioned considerable debate; but we conceive without reference to this particular case, that this line of conduct ought to be observed with regard to every future public functionary, be he the President of the United States, or the doorkeeper of the house. Rigid accountability amongst public agents, is now the order of the day, and we rejoice to find such ideas gaining ground, and becoming hourly more popular.

The twenty thousand dollar prize, in the Union Canal Lottery, was sold by P. Canfield.

Distressing.—While Mr. Eleazer Avery, of Colchester, Conn. was killing hogs, on Monday 27th ult. two of the men were called into the house to take a large kettle, containing boiling water to scald the hogs, off the fire. To lighten the kettle, a few pailsful of water were taken out, and set in the corner of the room, and while lifting the kettle, the bolts of the crane were drawn out, the kettle fell, and the water was thrown over the floor, scalding in its way the feet and legs of the persons, and a little child then near the fire. The sister of the child hearing its cries, ran into the room, caught the child up, and, supposing the water in the corner of the room to be cold, plunged it therein, which immediately put an end to its existence.

Fat Pigs.—Three pigs raised by Mr *Absalom Wroe*, living in Washington, aged between 11 and 13 months were killed on Thursday, and the nett weight of them are as follows: No. 1, 327 lbs: No. 2, 368½ lbs: No. 3, 419 lbs. These Pigs were of exactly the same breed as that which obtained the premium at the Maryland Agricultural exhibition a few weeks ago.

Five shoats were raised this season, and killed on the 27th ult. by *Jesse Ambler*, of Montgomery township and county, 10 months and 5 days old, weighed as follows:—317—282—280—279—and 278—in the whole 1436 pounds—average weight 287.

Appointment.—Thomas W. Culbreth, esq. of Caroline county, formerly a member of Congress, has been appointed Clerk to the Executive Council of Maryland. All the applicants, says the Baltimore Patriot, we believe to be very competent and worthy of the office, but we do not think a more judicious selection could have been made, nor one more generally acceptable to the public.

La Fayette.—General La Fayette has yielded to the advice of his friends not to travel in the winter. He will attend the inauguration of the President on the 4th of March, and set out for the southern states on the 6th.

Murder!—The Centreville Gazette states, that on Sunday last, a quarrel unfortunately took place between two black men belonging to Richard C. Tilghman, esq. one of the combatants drew a knife, and stabbed his antagonist near the left breast which terminated his existence almost instantaneously. The murderer was pursued and confined in the jail of that place on Monday morning.

Another—From the same paper, we learn that in the upper part of Caroline county, a murder was committed on the 12th inst. It seems that a lad about 17 years old, at the death of his father, which happened a short time since, had in some measure assisted his mother in the business of the farm. On the day he committed the murder, he had given a female servant of the house some orders, which she discontinued, to perform something for her mistress—the enraged Souard now attempted to give her a flagellation, but the servant proving too much for him, he ran into the house, procured a large knife, and sheathed it in the heart of the slave!

A Cabbage, weighing 25 pounds and 12 ounces, was raised the past season on the farm of *Jonathan Spencer*, Esq. in Panton, Vt.

From the National Intelligencer.

You will confer a favor on a subscriber to your paper, by publishing the following account of Sporting, which I take the liberty to communicate.

On Wednesday, 22d December, a party of *five* gentlemen, Severn Teackle, James Polk, Samuel McBryde, Robert J. H. King and Henry P. C. Wilson, assembled in Somerset county, Eastern Shore, Md. at Arlington, the residence of John C. Wilson, jr. for the purpose of Partridge Shooting. They returned in *five hours*, having bagged forty-four brace of Partridges.

Shots of each person.—H. P. C. Wilson 26; Severn Teackle 20; James Polk 20; Samuel McBryde 12; R. J. H. King 10.—Total 88.

From the Baltimore American of Friday the 14th inst.

GEN. ROBERT GOODLOE HARPER,

Departed this life suddenly yesterday morning, about 9 o'clock, after eating breakfast as usual with his family in apparently good health and spirits—he was standing before the fire reading a news paper, when the hand of death suddenly deprived him of sensation, he fell back on the floor and expired without uttering a word.

For more than two weeks past, General Harper has been actively and anxiously engaged in the trial of a cause in the Circuit Court of the United States for this District, now in session here—on Thursday at about two o'clock, he concluded a speech to the jury, commenced the preceding day, which for eloquence and powerful argument was considered to have equalled any that he had ever delivered. Although he did not appear to be fatigued by his exertions, and was in excellent spirits during the the evening—it is too probable that like the great Pinkney, he fell a sacrifice to his professional duty.

Gen. Harper was 60 years of age. He was too well known and too highly esteemed by all who knew him, to require any eulogy of his character, talents and worth.

THE PRESIDENCY.—On this subject, scribblers continue to speculate—The following will show the different opinions entertained by some of our neighbours:—

From the Reading Journal.

JACKSON AND ADAMS.—The contest in the House of Representatives will be between these two distinguished individuals. Mr. Crawford is out of the question entirely. Opinions appear to be fluctuating; and the result for or against Jackson will depend, we think, entirely upon the Representatives of those states that were favourable to Crawford or Clay. It is rumored that Ohio and Kentucky will support Jackson, and that Virginia and Georgia will support Adams. In February next we hope the matter will be settled by the house of representatives, so that no second exigency may arise in the choice of a President.

From the Delaware Gazette.

Indiana.—Mr. Blake who was a candidate for Congress, in opposition to Jacob Call, who has taken his seat, claims it, and will demand it, on the ground that the sheriff in one district neglected or refused to make a return of the votes.—Such being the fact, Mr. Blake will without doubt succeed in his application, which will change the vote of the state on the Presidential question, and if we mistake not, will give it to Mr. Crawford

From the National Gazette.

In some of the newspapers it is positively affirmed to be the common belief at Washington that General Jackson will be elected President by the House of Representatives on the first ballot. This assertion is far from being sustained by the information which we have received from that quarter, and upon which we have every reason to rely. Our object in making this remark is simply to prevent delusion.—The election of Mr. Adams we deem an event at least as probable as that of General Jackson.

From the Wilmington Gazette.

Conclusions.—The over-wise Editor of the New York Commercial Advertiser, (to use an expression of his own,) says nobody calculates that Mr. Crawford has any chance. He should bear in mind that those are not *really* the wisest who make the most positive declarations; and we *suspect* it might be ascertained that people *do* think, and their number is not small, that Mr. Crawford *has* some chance; and the result, we *guess*, will prove who is correct.

A resolution, which was offered in the Georgia legislature, at its late session, requesting the representatives in Congress from that State, if it should appear that Mr Crawford cannot succeed to the presidency, to vote for General Andrew Jackson, was *negatived* by a large majority.

A letter dated Washington, Dec. 8th from a member of congress says,

"There does not appear so much excitement among the members of congress on the subject of the approaching election of president, as a reader of our various newspapers would be led to expect. All whom I have heard speak on the subject, express regret at being called to make the choice; and from what I have observed thus far, I am led to believe that the affair will be conducted with much more quietness and composure than most people anticipated.

The information contained in the following paragraph is of great interest to the cause of science and of general improvement in the arts of civilized life:

Louisville (Ky.) Dec. 21.

We are gratified to hear that Dr. Buchanan has succeeded in propelling a boat by the application of his newly invented generator. On Sunday last she ran 5 or 6 miles up the river and returned with a number of gentlemen who seem much pleased with its operation.—The advantges which it is considered to possess over boilers now in use, are economy in the cost, a considerable saving of fuel, lightness, the space which it occupies, and entire safety against such accidents resulting from the boiler; advantages which, combined, cannot fail to introduce it into general use. The boiler of the boat weighs about five hundred pounds. It is understood the Dr. intends applying it to propelling carriages on land, in which he feels confident it will be eminently successful.

A new line of Steam Boats.

A company in Norfolk, Virginia, proposes to commence running in the spring, a line of Steam Boats and Stages direct from Philadelphia to that place. The land route is through this state, from Mann's ditch or gut, about six miles from Dover, through that place, Camden, Cantebury, Johnstown, by Daliners tavern to Seaford on Nanticoke river, in Sussex. The route from Seaford to Dover has been surveyed and measured, a distance of 39 miles: the whole distance by land will be about 45 or 46 m. of as fine and level a road as a bowling green. It is calculated that the trip from Philadelphia to Norfolk can be made by this route in 32 hours, considerably less than half the time employed in going by way of Baltimore.—*Del. Gaz.*

Maryland Legislature.

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Jan. 7 to 16.

Petitions read and referred.—Mr. Travers, from Henry Nichols, collector of Dorchester county, to be relieved of interest on debt due the state; Mr. Henderson, from George Davidson of Cecil county, for insolvency; Mr. Jerrett, from the Susquehannah Bridge company for a lottery; Mr. J. reported a bill in favor; Mr. Tyson, from sundry fishermen and owners of bay craft in Baltimore, for a draw in the bridge over Kent Narrows; Mr. Henderson, from inhabitants of Cecil county, for an alteration of the manner of opening public roads in said county; Mr. Lee, from inhabitants of Charles and Queen Ann's counties, for agricultural relief; Mr. Merrick, from inhabitants of Washington county, that the time of service of Register of Wills, and clerks of counties may be limited; Mr. Teackle, for a subdivision of the upper election district of Somerset county; from Beacham Achworth, John Fowler, Benjamin Dashiell, Charles Jones, and George Dashiell, severally to be released from payment of additional interest; Mr. Wright, from Queen Anne's county respecting a road; Mr. Hopper, from Queen Anne's county, for additional election district; Mr. Tyson, from inhabitants of Baltimore for a law abolishing imprisonment of females for debt; Mr. Tyson, from Nicholas G. Ridgely and others, of Baltimore for a law authorising limited partnership; Mr. Turner that no compensation be allowed for slaves executed for capital crimes.

Leave given to report Bills.—To Mr. Worthington, relating to coroners, Mr. Thomas, to alter the constitution, so as that the senate shall be elected immediately by the people; Mr. Speed, relating to writs of error, and giving appeals in certain cases; Mr. Thomas, to reduce and settle the compensation allowed the messenger of the executive council.

Mr. Grubb asked leave on Saturday last, for a bill to reduce the per diem of members of the legislature. A motion to adjourn, made by Mr. McMahon prevailed by yeas and nays, 38 to 34, before a question on the leave was taken. On Monday morning, Mr. Grubb had leave to withdraw his leave.

On Monday Mr. Grubb asked leave to repeal the supplement to an act passed 1811, chap. 156; which act increased the per diem of members from 3 50 to 4 dollars; Mr. Boon moved to refer the leave to the 1st June—negatived; Mr. Worthington moved its postponement till 1 o'clock—carried. Subsequently on motion of Mr. Kilgour, it was postponed until Tuesday—on Tuesday leave was granted; Mr. Peach, to repeal the militia regulation, requiring the cavalry to be called out upon brigade or regimental meetings; Mr. Norris, to reduce the expense on judicial proceedings; Mr. Wilson, to regulate the tax on billiard tables, so as to bring the money into the state treasury.

Bills Reported.—By Mr. Merrick, to give Baltimore four delegates to the legislature; Mr. Merrick, to alter and change all such parts of the constitution as relate to the election of delegates to the General Assembly of this state, (made the order of the day for the 18th instant;) Mr. Eccleston, to limit the number of Justices of the peace in the several counties of this state; Mr. Lee, to incorporate the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; Mr. Worthington, a supplement to the act to prevent the unlawful exportation of negroes and mulattoes, and to alter and amend the laws respecting runaways, (recommitted on motion of Mr. Worthington;) Mr. Speed, respecting writs of error and giving appeals in certain cases; Mr. Speed, to give compulsory process after summons, to procure witnesses to the Chancery court; Mr. Thomas, to alter the constitution so that the senate shall be elected immediately by the people.

Bills passed and sent to the Senate.—For the more effectual protection of worship in this state; for the relief of George Dashiell, Beachem Ackworth, and others; for the relief of Mary Cheezum of Caroline county, and John W. Stuirmetz; to incorporate Port Deposit, Cecil county.

Bills passed by both Houses.—To incorporate Emittsburg; to authorise the Governor and Council to appoint one Judge of the Levy Court for each election district of Frederick county; the supplement to the road law of Worcester county; supplement to an act regulating the levy courts of the several counties; declaring the assent of the state to the devise in the will of John Pastly, late of Worcester county; to settle the salary of the council for the ensuing year; for appointing a bailiff for Vienna; for the relief of George Dashiell of Dorchester county.

Bills rejected by the Senate.—For the benefit of Matthew Fullerton Lind and Robert Smith Lind; to authorise Samuel Gillmore of Cecil to record a deed; to authorise John Hacket of Queen Anne's to sell the land therein mentioned.

Mr. Henderson reports a resolution in favor of John S. Moffit of Cecil county, directing the treasurer to refund 122 dollars paid by him for a land warrant, read a second time and dissented from.

Mr. Tingle made an unfavorable report on the petition of William Sanford and others of Worcester county—concurred with.

Mr. Hopper, from the committee on insolvencies reports that the cases of Charles Lecompte, Roger Dunnington and William Daugherty, are amply provided for by existing laws, and recommend that they withdraw their several petitions—concurred with.

The House of Delegates having sent the bill reducing the salary of the clerk of the council to 1000, to the Senate with a message, asking their reconsideration, the Senate in reply stated, that the last had been maturely considered, "with that spirit of accommodation and respect which should on all occasions characterize both branches of the legislature in furthering the interests of the good people of the state. Viewing, as we do; the office of clerk of the Council a highly responsible and important one, requiring in the officer, talents, fidelity, and great industry, we would suggest the propriety of appointing a committee of conference to take the subject under their immediate consideration in order more speedily to adjust the existing difference of opinion between your honorable body and the senate." The House in a reply, assented to the proposal and the committee was named accordingly.

The order relative to the election of governor and council, by viva voce, was read the second time. On motion by Mr. Barnes referred to the 1st of June.

On motion by Mr. Teackle the following resolution was read:

Whereas it appears by the report of the treasurer of the western shore, that there are large sums of money, laying in the treasury, "due from the state to sundry persons, overpaid by them on their bonds for confiscated property," and "to sundry persons for allowances on the journal of accounts from October, 1780, to 1st December, 1824," which have not been claimed for many years; therefore, Resolved, that all over payments, and all appropriations for the journal of accounts, unclaimed, shall revert to the state, and that the treasurer, with the advice of the executive and chancellor, for the time being, be required to invest the same in some productive capital for the public benefit.

On motion by Mr. Steele, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, That no suit be instituted on the bond of James Layton, John Valiant and Daniel Murphy, before the first day of January, 1826.

Mr. Makey from the committee of ways and means submits the following resolution:

Resolved, that the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed, forthwith to pay to the Farmer's Bank of Maryland, the sum of eighty thousand, it being a part of the debt due that institution on the loan of 1821, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, and that the certificates redeemed, be by the law immediately cancelled.

Mr. Steele moved as a substitute, that the debt due should be paid in 10 annual installments; which was negatived; the original proposition passed.

The resolution proposed by Mr. Teackle, relative to balances in the treasury, was read the second time and referred to the committee of ways and means.

On motion by Mr. Eccleston, ordered that the committee of claims be and they are hereby directed to report to this house whether any money has been appropriated for the payment of newspapers of last session, and if so, in what manner it has been applied.

Mr. Steele, from the committee reported a resolution, "that no suit be brought on the bond of James Layton, Daniel Murphy and John Valliant, until the 1st January, 1826"—which was negatived, but on reconsideration, it was afterwards amended and passed.

Mr. Maxcy from the committee of ways and means, submitted a resolution directing the treasurer to pay to the Farmers Bank of Maryland, $80,000 of the debt due to them by the state.

A resolution suspending proceedings against Charles Jones, of Somerset county, was passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Carroll from the committee of elections, reported that Arthur E. Jones, esq. was duly elected in the place of John H. D. Waters, esq. deceased, of Somerset county.

On motion by Mr. Lee, Ordered, That the treasurer of the western shore do report to this house, as soon as may be a statement of the situation of the different banks in which the state hold stocks, and to which she appoints dire-

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