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Anne-Arundel County Orphens Court, January 11, 182. January 11, 182.

On application by petition of Emeline Tillard and Thomas I. Hall, administrators of John H. Tillard, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, it is ordered that they give the notice required by law, for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of six successive weeks in the Marylan Gazette.

THOS H. HALL, $c I\!\!I 1$ cond Reg. Wills A. A. County

Notice is hereby Given

That the subscribers of Anne-Arun del county, hith obtained from the Orphans Court of Anne-Arundel county, in Mary and, letters of administration on the personal estate of Joh H. Tillard late of Anne-Arunde county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhib ed, are hereby warned to exhib the same, with the vouchers thereo to the su scribers, at or before the 14t day of July next, they may other wise by law be excluded from a benefit of the said estate. Given a der our hands this 1 ith day of Januar 1826

Emeline Tilard,
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Thomas I. Hall, Administrator



Georgetown, Washington an

ANNAPOLIS Mail Stage

The proprietors respectfully infor the public, that they have procen new Post Coaches, and commence new Post Coaches, and commenter running the route with three sets horses, instead of two sets as here fore, by which the stage will arrive three hours less time than formerly.

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the Corporation of the city of Ann polis, that the Mayor shall offer a r ward for the apprehension and co viction of those persons who wanton destroy the city lamps, I do therefor in accordance with the said resolution, offer a reward of TWENT DOLLARS, for the apprehension at

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Richard Harwood, of Those
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> OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Thursday, February 23, 1826. The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The

proceedings of yesterday were read. The speaker laid before the house a petition from John M. Stuart; referred to the committee on petitions for special acts of insolvency.

The clerk of the senate returns the bill to change the name of Free-

born Coppage Dodson, and the bill empowering the levy courts of Har-ford and Baltimore counties to build a bridge over the Luttle Gunpowder Falls, at the Rock Ford, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed.

Also a communication from the executive, enclosing resolutions of Indiana, disapproving the amendments proposed by the state of Tennessee, relative to the election of president and vice president; which

was read.

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

Whereas by resolutions of the present assembly, the governor and council are authorised to procure certain valuable papers remaining in the chancery effice, to be recorded: And whereas the governor and council entertain doubts of their authority, the desiral resolutions, to carry into effect the intention of the general assembly in passing them; therefore,

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to contract, in the name of the state, with some person or persons of integrity, understanding and other proper qualifications, to discharge the labour and duties mentioned in said resolutions; and the governor and council are hereby authorised to draw quarter yearly as the work progresses, on the treasurer of the western shore, which drafts the said treasurer is hereby directed to pay, for such sums as may be necessary to meet the demands of the persons enpay, for such sums as may be necessary to meet the demands of the persons en-

gaged in said work.

Resolved, That the governor and council, in making said contracts, be governed by the rate of charges allowed by law to the present register in chancery, for similar services.

Friday, February 24, 1826.
Mr. Hughes reports a bill aentitled. An act directing the manner of settling disputes relative to officers fees, and for other purposes.

Mr. Tyson delivers the following report:

The committee, to whom was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of Beltimore, proving for the reduced of sundry citizens of Beltimore, proving for the reduced of sundry citizens of Beltimore, proving for the reduced of sundry citizens of Beltimore, proving for the reduced of sundry citizens of Beltimore, proving for the reduced of sundry citizens of Beltimore, proving for the reduced of sundry citizens of Beltimore, proving for the reduced of sundry citizens of the reduced of sundry citizens of the reduced of the r

zens of Baltimore, praying for the redress of certain grievances, beg leave to report-

That they have carefully considered the same, and find the grievances of the memorialists to be in substance as follows:

1st. That the common and the statute law of England have been too

extensively, and even servilely, adopted in the state of Maryland.
2nd. That the English decisions, under those laws, both before and after the declaration of our independence, have been too blindly followed. Sd. That the forms of justice, and the proceedings in our courts, are too perplexed, too full of ambiguity and jargon.

4th. That even in the laws enacted by our own legislature, great confirs on and embarrassment prevails, to the injury of the community.

While your committee how with reverence to the wisdom of airtiquity, while they join in the praises, which even the most enlightened jurists of every country have extended towards the general principles of the common law of England; while they acknowledge, with gratitude; the degree of light and knowledge which these have generated throughout our country; they must admit, that many of its provisions have nothing but their antiquity to recommend them; that many of its general principles are unsuited to the genius of this country; and that the adoption of these has darkened the light, which otherwise would be un-

impaired in brilliancy.

The numerous fictions which under the common law, have been conjured up from time to time, to supply, by imagination, what should have been established in reality; the vast and various circumlocutions adopted, in order that, that justice may be done indirectly, which cannot be directly done, under the strict provisions of the common law; induce your committee to believe, that this law should be at once submitted to the thorough-going hand of reformation.

Your committee further report, that the second complaint of the petitioners is too well grounded, and that our courts of justice have long been too much under the dominion of precedent; nay, so strong is this dominion, that a judge often finds himself obliged to surrender even his reason, to the power of authority. This reverence of authority is not confined to adjudications made before the establishment of our government, but English decisions made even since that time, the decisions of certain state courts, the decisions of foreign powers, (in reference to Maryland) have been respected as infallible oracles of legal wisdom.

The third grievance stated by the petitioners is not without foundaare too perplexed, too full of jargon." The judicial practice, from the commencement of a legal proceeding to its close, is involved in technicalities, apparent absurdities veiling deep meanings, and simple truths mysticised by ingenious fictions. The science of special pleading, so excellent in substance, and which in its proper state, would become the simplest, as it is the best, mode of ascertaining truth in a litigated case, is rendered complex by the garb in which it is clothed, and by the introduction of complex terms unintelligible even to the intelligent part of the community. For these reasons, the science of special pleading often becomes in the hands of those of the profession of the law, who may be mean enough so to use it, the instrument of cunning, and sometimes of chicanery.

The fourth grievance complained of by the memorialists, is one that must be obvious to every member of this house: to wit, that even in the laws of Maryland, great confusion and embarrassment prevails, to the injury of the community. The various laws which, by the change of sircumstances, are partly in force, and partly nulls the great number of acts, repealed only in part by subsequent acts; the vast number of supplements to laws; supplements to supplements, and acts supplementary to supplements, with further supplements, until the chain lengthers beyond adjaces urement, render it difficult even for the erudite lawyer, in all cases, to ascertain the law, and impossible for those who have not disconness one Cols, all cases, to ascerant to the study of jurisprudence. Your committee turned their attention to the study of jurisprudence. Your committee turned their attention to the study of jurisprudence. Your committee turned their attention to the study of jurisprudence. Your committee turned their attention to the study of jurisprudence. Your committee turned their attention to the study of jurisprudence. Your committee to be for the benefit of the people, so they all old they make do so, their characters, in order that, when they offend, they make do so, with their eyes open, upon a book of knowledge not to be misunder-stood.

Your committee think, that all the grievances stated in the memorial, are public grievances, and require public refress. In order to obtain this desirable object, they respectfully recommend the adoption of the scompanying resolutions:

Resolved, That Theodorick Bland, Chancellor of Maryland, John Buchanan, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, and Roger B. Taney, Counsellor at Law, be, and they are hereby constituted a board, to be entitled a Board for the establishment of a Maryland Code of Law. And it shall be the duty of said board to compile, out of the common and statute law of England, the judicial decisions of every state and nation, and the statute law of Maryland, a complete code of laws, to be entitled The Maryland Code. And in case of vacancy accasioned be entitled The Maryland Code. And in case of vacancy occasioned by the death, resignation, or refusal to serve, of all or either of the above named board, the governor and council shall immediately proceed to

Resolved. That the said board, as soon as organised, shall proceed to the execution of their duties, and when they shall have fulfilled them, they shall make their report to the legislature of Maryland, for their adoption or rejection.

Resolved. That when the said work shall have been finished, the le-

gislature shall furnish such compensation to the said board, as, under all the circumstances of the case, they may be entitled to receive. Wm. H. Emory, Clk. By order,

Which was read.

Saturday, February 25, 1826.

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

The bill for the relief of Benjamin M. Miller of the District of Co-Tumbia; the supplement to an act to lay out and make public two roads therein mentioned in Cecil county; and the bill for the establishment and support of public schools in the first election district of Baltimore county, were sent to the senate.

Mr. Gantt presents a petition from John Gaither, praying his land may be released from a state's judgment; referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Sappington obtained leave to withdraw the petition and report thereon from the trustees of the Liberty town academy.

Mr. Sappington obtained leave to bring in a bill to authorise the trustees of the Liberty town academy to seil and convey the same. Ordered, That Messrs Sappington, Farquhar and Cockey, report the

On motion by Mr. Speed, the following message was read, assented to, and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates, Feb. 25, 1826. Gentlemen of the S rate,

We propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body to refer to a joint committee of both houses, the communication of the Honourable John C. Weems, one of our representatives in congress, of the 21st inst. relative to the condition of Fort Madison, near the city of Annapolis. Messrs Speed, Montgomery and Willson, are appointed on the part of this house, to act with such gentlemen as may be named by you on this committee. We also propose that the said committee be instructed to invite two physicians of the city of Annapolis to join with and aid them in their inquiries.

By order,

John Brewer, Clia

Monday, February 27, 1826.

The house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill for the support of government, was sent to the senate.

Mr. Gilpin presents a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, praying for the opening of a road; referred to Messrs. Gilpin,

Mr. Howard presents a petition from James Osborne, praying for the confirmation of a deed; referred to Messrs. Howard, Tyson and

Mr. Hughes presents a petition from Samuel B. White; referred to . the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Banning delivers the following reports: The committee on divorces to whom was referred the petitions of John Baer, and Catharine Baer, of Frederick county, praying to be divorced a vinculo matrinonii, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to report-That they deem it improper to grant the prayer of the petitioners, they therefore recommend that, the petitioners have

leave to withdraw their petitions By order, Wm. H. Emory, Clk. The committee on divorces, to whom was referred the petition of . Mary Beastall, of Baltimore city, praying for a divorce, have had the same under their serious consideration, and after a due investigation of

the different charges set forth in the petition, beg leave to report-That they think it inexpedient and improper to grant the prayer of the petitioner; they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition. Wm. H. Emory, Cik.

By order,

Mr. Goldsborough presents a memorial from the American Society for the colonization of the people of colour in the United States; refer-

red to Messrs. Goldsburough, Edelen and Davall.
Mr. Grubb reports a bill, entitled. A further supplement to an act, entitled. Air act empowering the levy court of Cecil county, at their discretion, to levy a sum of money to build a bridge over Octorara creek, at or near Samuel Rowland's store, passed December session

Mr. Teackle, from the committee of ways and means, reports a bill, entitled, An act relating to the treasury department, and to regulate the collection and expenditure of the public revenue of the state.

Mr. Estep, reports a bill, entitled, An act regulating the height of fences, and providing for trespasses committed by horses, mules, black cattle, sheep and hogs, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Stevens, the following message was read: By the House of Delegates, February 27, 1826.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The session of the legislature is fast approaching to its close; we

therefore propose, with your concurrence, to appoint a joint committee of both houses, to examine the bills in each bouse, and report these that are necessary to be acted on before its adjournment. Messrs-Sleyens, Merrick, Goldsborough, Hughes and Barnes, are nominated by this house, to join such gentlemen as may be appointed by your to report the result.

By order,

L Brewer, Cik.