Legislature of Maryland.

House of Delegates

WEDNESDAY, January 9, 1828.

Petitions of the following titles, were this day severally presented, viz.

By Mr. Powell, the petition of Patty Bridell, of Worcester county, praying the passage of an act providing for her support, in consideration of inability to support herself from being old, severely afflicted and crippled.

By Mr. Williams of Worcester, the petition of Mary Houston, of Worcester county, praying a law may pass authorising the levy court of said county, to levy a small sum of money for the support of Thomas Scarborough, of said county, her ideot brother, who is represented to be in a helpless, destitute situation, without any property.

By Mr. Turner, the petition of Peter Long, of Baltimore county, praying a law may be passed directing the levy court or the commissioners of said cou. ty, to levy a small sum of money for his support.

By Mr. Semmes, the petition of Mary Eleanor Atcherson, of Prince-George's county, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that a law may pass authorising the levy court of said county to assess a sum of money yearly for her support.

By Mr. Hope, the petition of sundry citizens of Harford county, in behalf of John Norris, of said county, praying the allowance of such a sum of money as may be sufficient for the support of his brother, Elijah Norris, who is represented to be blind and destitute of the means of subsistence.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the standing committee appointed to consider applications for pecuniary relief by county assessments.

BY THE COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS.

Your committee report, that they have examined the proceedings and documents of George Mackubin, Treasurer for the Western Shore of Maryland, and find from an account settled to 1st Dec. 1826, by the committee of claims of the last general assembly, there then remained in the treasury three hundred and thirty-five thousand one hundred and four dollars and seventy-four cents funded 3 per cent stock; three thousand one hundred and forty-three dollars and ninety-five cents in bills of credit of the emission under an act of congress of the 18th of March 1780; and one hundred and three thousand two hundred and eighty-four dollars and twenty-eight cents cash.

That it appears to your committee, by the accounts of the said treasurer, he has received from the 1st of Dec. 1826 to the 1st of Dec. 1827,

On account of Amerciaments	$1381 89	
Bank stock—for dividends	28,663 34	
Billiard table licenses	1044 57	
Costs of suit	223 94½	
Direct taxes	16,912 25	
Fines and forfeitures	1632 99½	
Funded 3 per cent stock—for interest	10,053 08	
Hawkers and pedlers licenses	263 20	
Interest—on personal accounts	1774 23½	
Land office account—for escheats and vacant land	3308 04	
Licenses to vend by wholesale	47	
Licenses to retail spirituous liquors	7300 54½	
Licenses to retail spirituous liquors at horse races	89 25	
Licenses to retail dry goods	5926 71	
Licenses to dealers in lottery tickets	1913 14	
Loans of 1827	68,000	
Marriage licenses	7743 68	
Ordinary licenses	18,951 63½	
The penitentiary—the equivalent to interest on penitentiary stock of 1822	1397 36	
Road stock—for dividends	515	
Slaves banished and sold	312 60	
State lotteries	26,249 36	
State tobacco inspection in Baltimore	39,977 77	
The state's tob. warehouses in Baltimore	111 13	
Tax on certain offices	732 93	
Tax on plaintiffs	2169 62	
Taxes in chancery	695 22½	
The Eastern shore treasury	18,104 49	
The University of Maryland—equivalent to interest on University stock	1821 44	
	$266,416 42½	

That it appears to your committee, the said treasurer has disbursed in the same time the sum of two hundred and ninety-three thousand four hundred and nine dollars and thirty-one cents, viz.

On account of Alex. Robertson of Allegany county, in pursuance of Res. No. 16 of 1824	$11 32	
The Board of Public Works	244	
Chancery records	17,983 24	
The Chesapeake and Delaware canal company—invested	30,000	
Civil officers	12,428 37	
Colleges, academies and schools	12,199 98	
The Colonization Society	1000	
Commission—to the late state's agent W. S.	300	
The Executive contingent	2562 06	
Indian annuities	130	
Internal improvement sinking fund—per act of 1825, ch. 180, sec. 24	1105	
The judiciary	38,539 97	
The legislature, (including the journal of accounts of last session)	48,754 39	
Loans of 1827—for interest	137 50	
The militia	3208 67	
Miscellaneous expenses	17,326 61	
The penitentiary—for salaries to its officers, and materials for the addition	20,784 05	
Penitentiary 5 per cent stock of 1822—for interest	1397 20	
Pensions—to officers and soldiers of the revolution, and to their widows	15,595 55	
The public buildings at the seat of government	3016 68	
State tobacco inspection in Baltimore	8797 90	
The state's tob. warehouses in Baltimore	41,924 38	
Slaves banished and sold	380	
University 5 per cent stock of 1822—for interest	1500	
The University sinking fund	500	
The Washington monument	13,582 44	
		293,409 31

For all which payments he has produced to your committee. satisfactory vouchers and receipts.

That it appears to your committee there remains in the treasury as of 1st of Dec. 1827, the said sum of 335,104 dollars and 74 cents funded 3 per cent stock of the United States, 3143 dollars and 95 cents in bills of credit as aforesaid, and 76,291 dollars and 39 cents cash; which last sum, they find, stands to his credit as treasurer, in the Farmers Bank of Maryland, and is subject to the following appropriations, viz.

Balance of cash in the Treasury 1st Dec. 1827		$76,291 39
Deduct appropriations to that day, and then unexpended, to wit:		
To pay civil officers	$2173 60	
The judiciary	6599 44	
Pensions to officers and soldiers, and to their widows	4716 62	
The keeper of the government house	25	
The journals of accounts from 1824 to 1826, inclusive	224 37	
Indian annuities	21 67	
Commission to the present state's agent western shore	345 03	
Expenses on account of the militia	306 58	
The managers of the Washington monument	14,249 36	
Colleges, academies and schools	2100	
The agent, clerk, physician and deputy keepers of the penitentiary	1166 67	
Interest on the penitentiary stock	232 87	
Ditto on the University stock	250	
Ditto on loans of 1827	1025 83	
Rent of tobacco warehouse in Baltimore	333 33	
The state's inspectors of tobacco in Baltimore, and their clerks	950	
The claims liquidated per resolution No. 10 of 1822, relative to the unlawful obstruction of the Susquehannah	82 02	
For property in Baltimore, condemned in virtue of the act of 1826, ch. 250	38,237 75	
To build or purchase tobacco warehouses in Baltimore, per act of 1825, ch. 159.	5,003 36	
For the use of the board of Public Works, per act of 1825, ch. 166, sec. 9.	4,500	
For the purchase of books and maps, for the augmentation of the library per act of 1826, ch. 53. sec. 6,	166 11	82,679 81
Deficit as of 1st Decr. 1827.		6,388 42
To which add for the journal of accounts, &c. of the present session		45,000
		$51,388 42

Your committee further report, that they have also examined the proceedings and documents of the said treasurer, in reference to the several funds confided to his care, and find from an account settled to the 1st of Decr. 1826, by the committee of claims of the last general assembly, there then remained in the treasury to the credit of those funds, 23,243 dollars and 40 cents cash.

That it appears to your committee, by the accounts of the said treasurer, he has received from the 1st of December 1826, to the 1st of December 1827,

On account of the Free schools fund		$14,106 97
Common free schools fund		8,916 92
County schools fund		567 09
Internal improvement sinking fund		1,105
Penitentiary sinking fund		1,249
Tobacco warehouse sinking fund		493 50
University sinking fund		902
		$27,340 48

That it appears to your committee, the said treasurer has disbursed in the same time, the sum of 22,024 dollars and 11 cents, viz.

On account of the Free schools fund paid to divers counties		$12,821 74
Common free schools fund invested		5,000
Penitentiary sinking fund do		2,436 75
Tobacco warehouse sinking fund do		487 12
University sinking fund do		1,278 50
		$22,024 11

For all which payments and investments, he has presented to your committee satisfactory vouchers and receipts.

That it appears to your committee, there remains in the treasury as of 1st of December 1827, to the credit of the said funds, as particularly set forth in one of the accompanying accounts, a balance of 28,559 dollars and 77 cents cash, and this sum too, they find, stands to his credit as treasurer, in the Farmers Bank of Maryland.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order, David Ridgely, Clerk.

Mr. Douglas of Dorchester, obtained leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to fix and regulate the time of opening the orphans court of Dorchester county, on the respective days of meeting of that court, and for other purposes. Messrs. Douglas of Dorchester, Williams of Dorchester, and Lake, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the bill.

Mr. Turner obtained leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled, An act to regulate the gauging of casks, and the inspection of domestic distilled liquors in this state. Messrs. Turner, Semmes, Hughes of Montgomery, Thomas of Frederick, and Steuart of Baltimore, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the bill.

THURSDAY, January 10, 1828.

The house met. Were present, the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill passed by this house yesterday, entitled, An act to repeal the first section of an act, entitled, An act relative to justices of the peace, and for other purposes, so far as it relates to Cecil county, was sent to the senate for concurrence.

On motion by Mr. Thomas of Frederick, it was Ordered, That the register in chancery, forthwith furnish this house with a statement of the number of cases in the high court of chancery in this state, in which a final decree has not been passed, shewing how many have originated therein, or are on appeal from other tribunals, and what number are from the city of Baltimore, or the several counties of this state respectively, also how long each case has been pending.

On motion by Mr. Ringgold, it was Ordered, That the committee on pecuniary relief be instructed to inquire into the propriety of authorising the levy court of Kent county to levy a sum of money upon said county for the relief of Mary Miller, widow, of said county.

Mr. Semmes presented the petition of John M. Hepburn, of the District of Columbia, administrator de bonis non of John Hepburn, praying that the state will pay over to him a sum of money due to his intestate by William and Robert Mollison, merchants of London, whose property was confiscated by the state.

Ordered, That the said petition, with the accompanying papers and documents, be referred to the standing committee on claims.

Petitions, memorials and reports, of the following titles, were also this day severally presented:

By Mr. Hoffman, the petition of Henry Horn Carter, of Allegany county, an old and infirm soldier of the revolutionary army, praying for a pension, in consideration of services rendered to secure the independence of his country.

By Mr. Ely, the petition of Edward Wann, of Baltimore county, an old revolutionary soldier, praying to be placed on the roll of pensioners.

Mr. Steuart of Baltimore, offered the following resolution for consideration, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table, viz.

Resolved, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to give every aid and support to the claims of the surviving officers of the revolution now before the national legislature.

FRIDAY, January 11, 1828.

Petitions and memorials of the following titles were this day severally presented:

By Mr. Hope, the memorial and remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying the repeal of an act passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-six, chapter 74, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for making certain roads in Baltimore and Harford counties, passed at December session eighteen hundred and fifteen, chapter forty-eight; which was referred to Messrs. Hope, Ely, Steuart of Baltimore, Sutton and Turner.

By Mr. Teackle, the petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, counter to the petition of other citizens of the same county, praying for an amendment of the act of December session 1826, chapter 206, concerning weights and measures; which was referred to the committee to be appointed on that subject.

By Mr. Stewart of Anne-Arundel, the petition of Robert Boone, of Anne-Arundel county, praying indemnification for the loss of his negro man therein mentioned, who had been committed to the gaol of said county for a criminal offence, from whence, in consequence of the insecurity of said gaol, he escaped and fled from justice, by the passage of a law directing the levy court of said county to levy such sum of money as may be considered just and proper which was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

By Mr. Ely, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore city and county, praying for a law to authorise William Krebs, of the said city, and Richard Cromwell, of Anne-Arundel county, to build a bridge over the Patapsco river, at the place therein particularly described.

By Mr. Stewart of Anne-Arundel, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, to the same effect with the petition last noted.

By Mr. Linthicum, the memorial and remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore and Anne-Arundel counties.

And also the petition of sundry citizens of Anne-Arundel county and the city of Baltimore, both counter to the two last mentioned petitions.

And the memorial of certain owners of boats on the Patapsco river, concerning the navigation thereof, and the bridges already erected across the said river.

SATURDAY, January 12, 1828.

Mr. Fitzhugh presented the memorial of the general canal committee of Washington county, upon the subject of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, praying that a law may be passed to meet the views and wishes of the memorialists therein set forth; which was referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Steuart of the city of Baltimore, presented the joint petition of William Grant, and Mary Ann Grant his wife, inhabitants of said city, praying for a divorce; which was referred to the standing committee on divorces.

Leaves were also this day granted by the house to introduce bills of the following titles:

To Mr. Martin, An act to repeal the act authorising the appointment of state's agents. Messrs. Martin, Banning, Millis, Turner and Price, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the bill.

To Mr. Blakistone, An act to prevent persons, nonresidents of St. Mary's county, from hauling any seine or net, or catching oysters, in the waters of the Potomac river, immediately bordering upon the lands of said county, or in any of its tributaries, connected with, or adjoining said county, and for other purposes. Messrs. Blakistone, Gough and Bourne, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the same.

To Mr. Hitch, An act to alter and change the constitution and form of government of this state, so far as relates to the division of Worcester county into election districts. Messrs. Hitch, Hooper, and Williams of Worcester, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the bill.

To Mr. Thomas of Cecil, An act to change the name of a certain point on the Susquehanna river in Cecil county. Messrs. Thomas of Cecil, Harlan and Mackey, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the bill. Mr. Thomas of Cecil, accordingly reported said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

To Mr. Shriver, An act to incorporate the trustees of the Westminster general meeting house, in Frederick county. Messrs. Shriver, Thomas of Frederick, and Holtz, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the bill.

To Mr. Potter, An act supplementary to the act for building a bridge over the north west branch of the Nanticoke river, in Caroline county, at or near a place called the Old Bloomary, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Messrs. Potter, Orrell and Jones, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the bill.

To Mr. Wells, A further supplement to the act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned. Messrs. Wells, Watkins, Steuart of Baltimore, Goldsborough, Thomas of St. Mary's, and Linthicum, were appointed a committee to prepare and report the bill.

Monday, January 14.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By Mr. M'Mahon, a petition from Mary Ann Giraud, wife of Augustus J. T. Giraud, of the city of Baltimore, for a divorce. Also, Julia Gwynn, of Baltimore, for a pension.

By Mr. Hughes, of Montgomery, from Mary Smith, of Georgetown, D. C. for a pension.

By Mr. Hope, from Samuel Wadlow, of Harford county, administrator of Solomon Armstrong, that certain money paid into the treasury by said Armstrong may be refunded.

By Mr. Stevens, from Peter Chambers, of Queen-Anne's for relief.

By Mr. Orrell, from Henry Nicols, of Caroline, for a support.

By Mr. Boon, from sundry inhabitants of Kent, for a law authorising the levy court to levy a sum of money for the benefit of Rebecca and Hester Ann Davis. Also a memorial from the president and directors of the Chester Bridge Company for further time to widen the bridge of said bridge.

By Mr. Sutton, a petition of sundry citizens of Harford, for a law authorising the levy court to assess a sufficient sum to repair the gaol of said county, &c. also to build two fire proof offices for the use of the clerk of the county, and register of wills, to be located on the court-house lot in Belle-Air.

By Mr. Turner, from sundry citizens of Baltimore county, for additional election districts.

LEAVES GRANTED.

To mr. Hooper, a bill relating to divorces.

To mr. M'Mahon, to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the State of Maryland.

To mr. Tilghman, to regulate elections.

BILLS REPORTED.

By mr. Goldsborough, a bill to reduce into one act, the several laws of assembly relating to the civil jurisdiction of justices of the peace, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

By mr. Ringgold, a supplement to the act for the benefit of the infant children of Benjamin B. Wilson, late of Kent county, deceased, passed Dec. session, 1825.

By mr. Shriver, a bill for the enumission of certain negroes belonging to the estate of the late Joshua Cockey of Frederick county. Also a bill to authorise the levy court of Frederick county to repair a road therein mentioned.

By mr. Wells, to alter the present mode of appointing the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county, so that each election district and the city of Annapolis may elect one member.

BILLS PASSED.

The bill for the benefit of John Richardson, clerk of Caroline county court.

The bill to confirm the name of George Washington Brown and Edward Lewis Brown, of Harford.

The bill to regulate the manner of marketing by slaves and free negroes in Anne-Arundel county and the city of Annapolis.

Tuesday, January 15.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

By mr. Martin, from Thomas Singleton, to be enabled to take the benefit of the insolvent laws.

By mr. Hope, from sundry inhabitants of Harford, for a law authorising the election triennially of justice of the levy court and commissioner of the tax in each election district of said county, prescribing their powers and duties, and providing for the appointment of a clerk to such court, and for other purposes.

By mr. Kent, from Wm. Linton of Anne-Arundel for relief.

By mr. Wells, from Caleb Plane, of Annapolis, to be placed on the pension list.

The clerk of the senate reported the following bills:

The bill to give validity and confirmation to the deed therein mentioned. And, the bill to authorise the recording of a deed from S. Coale to Henry Miller, of Baltimore county, severally endorsed "do not pass."

LEAVES GRANTED.

To mr. Taney, a bill to repeal an act declaring certain trespasses in Anne-Arundel county, passed Dec. session 1824, ch. 260, so far as it relates to Calvert county.

To mr. Williams, of Dorchester, relative to the commissioners and tax for Dorchester.

To mr. M'Mahon, for the opening of Ensor-street in the city of Baltimore. And, for the opening of Monument-street, in the city of Baltimore.

BILLS REPORTED.

By mr. Martin, a bill relative to rees.

By mr. Hughes, of Montgomery, ating to the swearing of petit jurors.

BILLS PASSED.

To change the time of holding the ember term of the court of appeals for the eastern shore.

To authorise Joshua W. Massey, Queen-Anne's county, to convey land therein mentioned.

For the relief of Frances Matthews, of Cecil.

To extend the time now allowed by law to Isaac Hooper, late collector of Calvert county, to complete his collections.

Maryland Gazette

ANNAPOLIS:

Thursday, January 17, 1828.

An "Administration Voter," in reply to "Proud, and the writer under the signature of "Truth," was received too late to be noticed this week.

We insert in another column of this paper a second number of a series of essays which have lately appeared in the National Gazette, on the subject of the improvement of the navy. The writer appears to be perfectly familiar with the subject which he undertakes to discuss, and the numbers which we have selected for publication, he illustrates, in a very satisfactory manner, the advantages which would result to the naval service from the establishment of a Naval Academy. This institution, he thinks, ought to be located in this city, and assigns very cogent reasons for his preference. In addition to these we could give many more but we hope the subject will be deemed of sufficient importance to attract the attention both of the city and state authorities, and that proper representations will be made by them to the general government, respecting the peculiar advantages which Annapolis offers for such an institution.

Arrival of the Secretary of the Navy.

The Secretary of the Navy, who had been expected for some days, arrived in this city on Tuesday from Washington via Baltimore. The Secretary, accompanied by Governor Kent, and others, yesterday morning reviewed the troops stationed at Fort Severn. They were received by this garrison with the ceremonary salutes. After the review, the party visited the Delaware ship of the line, now off this harbour, for the purpose of inspecting this elegant and substantial vessel. On reaching the ship salutes were fired, the yards manned, &c.

The two houses of the legislature, having been invited to visit the ship, adjourned at early hour, to afford their respective members an opportunity of doing so.

The Baltimore Board of Health report the number of interments which took place in that city during the past year to have been 1498—845 males and 653 females. 417 of the whole number were persons of colour—357 free and 60 slaves.

Accounts from Vera Cruz of the 15th of December, state that Commodore Porter was on a visit to the city of Mexico, where he was receiving the attentions of its most distinguished inhabitants.

JACKSON ELECTORAL CANDIDATES.

Dr. William Tyler and William Fitzhugh, jun. esq were on the 8th inst. nominated electoral candidates (by a convention assembled at Hager's-town,) for the presidential district comprehending Allegany, Frederick and Washington counties. A powerful ticket.

Captain Elias Brown, has been nominated the electoral candidate for Baltimore county, by a convention of delegates from the several districts of said county. He is a zealous advocate of the election of General Jackson to the presidency, and a worthy and popular man. He had one vote over J. T. H. Worthington, esq who was likewise nominated in the convention.

The convention which assembled at Church-Hill on the 8th inst. nominated Dr John Rees, as the electoral candidate for the district composed of Kent and Queen-Anne's counties.

Pennsylvania—Jackson Convention.

The State Convention of Pennsylvania, which met at Harrisburg, on the 8th inst. nominated General ANDREW JACKSON as a candidate for the presidency of the United States, and the Hon. JOHN C. CALHOUN, as a candidate for the Vice Presidency.

The convention at the same time nominated the following

Electoral Ticket:

J. B. Gibson, Chief Justice of the state; William Findlay, late Governor, George Barto, John Lisle, Jacob Colgate, Samuel Hepburn, John W. Cunningham, George G. Leiper, Gen. Henry Sheets, Adam Richards, Daniel Udree, Peter Farley, Francis Baird, Henry Witmer, Wm. Thompson, Leonard Rupert, Jacob Gearhart, George Jarnitz, Jacob Harger, John Harper, John Scott, William Piper, Valentine Giesey, James Gordon, John M. Snowden, Robert Scott Butler, Henry Alsbourn, Jas. Drennan.

The convention was full—133 members present.

DREADFUL CONFLAGRATION.

From a Vienna (Austria) paper of Nov. 8.

The celebrated place of pilgrimage Maria Zell, (with the exception of a detached house) was totally destroyed by fire in the night of the 1st of this month. A furious storm raging at the same time, spread the flames with a rapidity which baffled every attempt to extinguish them, or even to save any of the effects of the unfortunate inhabitants. One hundred and forty houses, the beautiful church, the convent and the post-office, are reduced to ashes. The number of persons who have lost their lives is uncertain, but it is known that one family, consisting of 11 persons, perished in the flames.

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