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ABLE CONVENTION FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

The following is a copy of a Circular about the Convention, addressed to the Reverend Clergy and the Societies of our State:

Baltimore, March 24, 1833.

Dear Sir:

The Young Men's Bible Society of this city, in connection with other Societies, has recently commenced a second time to supply destitute families in our state with the Bible.

In the general supply of the state a few years since, there was often found a great want of Bibles in our operations; in consequence of which the work was not as thoroughly accomplished in all cases as could be desired.

Having learned some time since, from the past, we are of opinion, that a little timely attention and exertion, would have been sufficient to insure a regular and permanent supply of the Sacred Scriptures to every destitute household in our state.

In view of this contemplated re-supply, it has been thought by some of the friends of the cause, that it would be extremely judicious to establish such uniform plan of operations throughout the state as would secure the harmonious and efficient co-operation of all.

For this purpose it has been suggested that a **BIBLE CONVENTION FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND** be held in the city of Baltimore on the first day of May, 1833, to which every Christian congregation in this State, and that part of the District of Columbia lying north of the Potomac, shall be invited to send one or more delegates, without regard to age, as it is either expected or desired that the work should devolve exclusively upon the young men of Maryland.

The Society we represent upon the organ of this call upon our brethren throughout the state, and we hope it will be cordially responded to by those of every age and condition in life.

When infidelity dares to show its hideous front, and stalk abroad among us in open day, or its more deceptive, but not less dangerous shape, attempts to subvert those precious articles of our holy faith which are like the refuge of the sinner in the consolation of the saint; surely it becomes the Christians of America to take the alarm in time, and make and keep their land a land of Bibles.

Many important suggestions are expected to claim the serious attention of the Convention, and its proceedings cannot fail, we think, to be regarded with no ordinary interest.

It will prove a salutary example to the sister Societies of our confederacy, and by the Divine blessing must give a powerful impulse to the cause throughout the Union. It is believed that it will be numerously and ably attended, affording gratifying evidence to our brethren abroad how much the Christians of Maryland love the truth and simplicity of the Bible, and how deep is the anxiety they feel to offer what they possess the heavenly boon.

We feel assured that no Bible Society or congregation of Christians within its boundaries, will consent to remain unrepresented in a body assembled for the avowed and only object consulting upon the great interests of our salvation in the wide dissemination of the Sacred Scriptures.

Let us then meet in the name of our common Lord and Saviour, amidst the cordial interchange of our friendly greetings, present to our country and to our world a spectacle so solemn, so sublime, and so instructive, as that of an assemblage of Christians, of every sect and denomination, sacrificing for a season their differences of opinion at the foot of the Cross, and the circulation of the BIBLE, without note or comment, their holy bond of union!

It is respectfully requested that this letter be submitted to the congregation under your pastoral charge, who are hereby invited to elect one or more lay delegates to the proposed convention as early as convenient. You will oblige us by immediately communicating the result to our Corresponding Secretary.

In behalf of the **Young Men's Bible Society of Baltimore**, we have the honour to be very respectfully, your obedient servants,

WM. P. LEMMON, President.
J. GREEN, Secy.

All Editors throughout the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia, are respectfully requested to give the above one or more insertions in their respective papers.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Friday, March 22nd.

Mr. Jenkins submitted the following message:—

Gentlemen of the Senate—

We returned to you, a few days since, a bill which had originated in this house, entitled, a supplement to an act, entitled, an act relating to free negroes and slaves, passed at December session 1831, ch. 323, with message in which we stated that we had

disagreed to your amendments, requested you to recede therefrom, and expressed our opinion that upon further consideration, we deemed the second section of that bill unconstitutional, and therefore desired that you would reconsider and reject that section. We have since thought it proper to state to you, that our objections to the bill are chiefly confined to the second section, and that without that section, the remainder of the bill would receive our sanction, either in its original shape, as it passed this house, or with the amendments adopted by your honourable body.

With this explanation, we renew our request, that you will reconsider and strike out the second section; and if this proposition should not meet your approbation, we invite you respectfully and earnestly to return the bill to this house, before you take the question on its final passage.

Which was read.

On the question being put, will the house adopt said message?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Brewer from the committee on printing, delivered the following report:—

The joint committee on the public printing reports:—That in compliance with the provisions of the act passed at the last session, they have contracted with William McNeir, to execute the printing of the laws and such work as may be required by the house of delegates for the ensuing year.

The terms on which they have contracted with him, respectively, are the same with those on which the printing of the present session has been executed.

The bill reported by Mr. Compton, from the committee on divorcees to divorce Bethia Sands, of the city of Baltimore, from her husband, John Sands.

Was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Davall, of A. A. entitled, an act to regulate the standard of the Corn barrel in this state.

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion by Mr. Davall, of P. George's, said bill was referred to the consideration of the next general assembly.

The bill from the senate relating to the impounding of passengers.

Also the bill concerning the justices of the peace, and the bill to subject stocks and fabled property to attachment and execution for debt, were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

The bill reported by Mr. Johnson to abolish all such parts of the constitution as relate to the clerks of the county courts, and registers of wills, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate returned a supplement to an act establishing a library for the use of the legislature, endorsed "will pass," ordered to be engrossed.

Also the supplement to the act directing the manner of suing out attachments in this province, and limiting the extent of them; endorsed "will pass with the proposed amendments."

Which amendments were read the first, and a second time by special order, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill to authorise the clerk of Frederick county court to record the deed of manumission therein mentioned.

Also the bill to facilitate the collection and to improve the revenue of this state; severally endorsed "will not pass."

Also the resolution in favour of Kent county Academy.

Also resolutions relative to the union of the eastern shore of this state with Delaware; severally endorsed "dissented from."

The bill reported by Mr. Rogerson to provide for the repairs of public roads in Charles county.

And the bill reported by Mr. Mould for the relief of Benjamin Buck, of the city of Baltimore; were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed and sent to the senate.

The unfavourable report of the committee on grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the bill to authorise William Stewart, of A. A. county, to establish and keep a public ferry across South River, from Mill Lott Point, to Awerdeen in said county, was taken up for consideration.

The said report was then read the second time and concurred in.

The bill from the senate, for the benefit of William L. Marshall, of the city of Baltimore.

Also the bill for the relief of Robert H. Hayes, of Cecil county.

Were severally taken up for consideration, rejected, and returned to the senate.

The bill from the senate to release the right of the state of Maryland, to a lot of ground in the city of Baltimore.

Also the bill to regulate proceedings against corporations; were severally taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

The bill from the senate relating to appeals from county courts, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, rejected, and returned to the senate.

The bill from the senate, entitled, A supplement to the act, passed at December session 1810, ch. 34, relating to devises and legacies; was taken up for consideration, read the second time, passed, and returned to the senate.

The report submitted by Mr. Heard, from the committee on the militia, relative to the order of the house, requiring them to enquire into the expediency of distributing the arms amongst the militia throughout the state, and abolishing the offices of Armorer, &c.

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Wright, of Dorchester, offered as a substitute for the first resolution the following:—

Whereas, it appears, by the report of the committee on the militia, that a great number of the public arms and accoutrements, are in a ruinous and almost valueless condition.

And whereas, the state is annually paying considerable sums of money, as salaries to the several armorer, it is but just and reasonable to suppose that these salaries were intended by the state as compensation to said armorer for their services in repairing, cleaning and preserving in good and serviceable order, all the public property intrusted to their care.

And whereas it is manifestly unjust and unreasonable, to suppose that the state ever intended to pay these high salaries to the armorer, for nothing but simply keeping the door locked upon a pile of rusty and valueless arms and accoutrements. Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the several armorer, be required immediately to clean and repair, and put into serviceable order, all the public arms and accoutrements now under their care, and hereafter to keep the same, together with all such as may be from time to time received, in good serviceable order.

Which was read.

On the question being put on the adoption of the substitute,

It was determined in the negative.

The said report was then read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following order:—

Ordered, That a committee of seven members be appointed to examine during the recess of the legislature, the constitution and the revised Code of the Laws of Maryland, and report the same, with such amendments as they may deem necessary, to the next legislature.

Which was read.

On the question being put on the adoption of said order,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Heard, from the committee on the militia, submitted the following resolution:—

Resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore, be and he is hereby authorised and required to pay annually to the Adjutant General, of the state of Maryland, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to the salary now allowed him by law.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and sent to the senate.

On motion,

The house then adjourned.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

And on motion, adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

Seven o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, for the relief of Benjamin Buck, of the city of Baltimore.

Also, the bill, to authorise the building of a clerks office and registers office in Prince Georges county, or the enlargement of the present offices.

Also the act supplemental to an act, to provide for electing commissioners for Baltimore county, and prescribing their powers and duties.

Also, the supplement to the act, respecting public notaries, in this state, passed November 1801, chapter 80.

Also, the bill, supplemental to an act for the establishment and support of public free schools in the first election district of Baltimore county.

Also the bill, to provide for the inspection of Plaster Paris, in the city of Baltimore.

Also, the bill, entitled, an act to provide for the continuation of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road to Harper's Ferry, and for other purposes.

Also the bill, entitled, an act to limit the sessions of the general assembly, in every alternate year; severally endorsed, "will pass," ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the bill, to authorise the clerk of Baltimore county court to record two bills of sale from Joseph B. Ford, to George and David King.

Also, the bill, to incorporate the Somerset and Worcester Rail Road company, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments."

Which amendments were severally read the first and second time by special order, severally assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the bill, to abolish all such parts of the constitution, as relate to the clerks of the county courts and registers of wills, endorsed, "will not pass."

Also the resolution in favour of the supervisors therein mentioned.

Also the resolution in favour of the President and Visitors of the Maryland Hospital.

Also the resolution relative to the distribution of the laws of Maryland, and the journal of the votes and proceedings among the sheriffs and county commissioners of this state.

Also the resolution relative to the distribution of the laws and journals.

Also the resolution relative to the Library, severally endorsed, "assented to," and ordered to be engrossed.

Also the resolution relative to Academies in this state, endorsed, "assented to with the proposed amendment."

Which amendment was twice read, assented to, and the resolution ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, for the division of Baltimore and Frederick counties, and for erecting a new one by the name of Carroll, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments."

Which amendments were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Teackle,

Ordered, That the clerk of the executive council, be required to cause to be published forthwith in two of the newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, and in one newspaper in each of the counties in which a newspaper is printed, the following acts of the present session, to wit:—

1. A supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the people of colour in this state, passed at December session 1831, chapter 231.

2. A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the issuing of licenses to traders, keepers of ordinaries, and others.

3. An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to abolish imprisonment for debt, on certain judgments rendered by justices of the peace, passed at December session 1830, chapter 155.

4. An act supplemental to an act to abolish imprisonment for debt on certain judgments rendered by justices of the peace, passed at December session 1830, chapter 155.

5. A further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish pilots and regulate their fees.

6. An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the people of colour in this state, passed at December session 1831, chapter 231.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, the house took up for consideration, the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act for the division of Baltimore and Frederick counties, and for erecting a new one by the name of Carroll.

The first amendment was assented to by the house.

The second amendment was rejected by the house.

Mr. Johnson then submitted the following message:—

Which was twice read and assented to, and with the bill therein mentioned, was sent to the senate.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

The bill to divide Baltimore and Frederick counties, and to create a new one by the consent of a majority of the voters in each of those parts, segregated, has been received from your body with amendments. We have adopted some of them, and rejected that which requires the voters of both Baltimore and Frederick counties to express a sentiment on the adoption or rejection of the bill, believing that the people within the limits of the new county, are alone immediately interested in said division, for they alone know how to estimate fully the inconveniences which they have to suffer from their distance from the seat of justice; and they alone will have to incur the expenses incident to the establishing a new county; and, therefore, respectfully desire that your honourable body will recede from said amendment.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, to divorce Anna Harman, of the city of Baltimore, from her husband Henry Harman.

Also, the supplement to an act, to declare and ascertain the right of the citizens of this state to private roads or ways.

Also, the bill, to divorce Bethia Sands, of the city of Baltimore, from her husband John Sands, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments."

Which amendments were severally read the first and second time, by special order, severally assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the additional supplement to the act, relating to the people of colour in this state, passed at December session 1831, chapter 231; endorsed, "will not pass."

Also, the resolution in favour of John Marshall, of Cecil county.

Also, the resolution relative to militia officers; severally endorsed, "assented to."—Ordered to be engrossed.

Also, the resolution in favour of Meshack Browning, endorsed, "dissented from."

Mr. Teackle submitted the following message:—

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We return you the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to the people of colour in this state, passed at December session 1831, ch. 231, and request that you will reconsider the same.

The rejection of that bill by your honourable body, is esteemed to be equivalent to an abrogation of the means appropriated for sustaining the system to which the bill relates, as from a defect in the act to which it relates, some of the counties having failed to levy their appropriate contingent, it cannot be expected that others will continue to contribute, unless the whole be required to bear a due portion of the burthen.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the house reconsidered their vote upon the bill from the senate, entitled, An act relating to appeals from the county courts.

The question was then put, shall the said bill pass?

Determined in the negative.

The house then adjourned.

Saturday, March 23d, 1833.

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

The bill from the senate, relating to Appeals from the county courts, was returned to the senate.

The bill from the senate, relating to the manner of holding and transmitting the title to certain church property therein mentioned, and the amendment reported by the committee to said bill, was taken up for consideration.

The amendment having been read the second time, was assented to.

The said bill was then read the second time, passed with the proposed amendment, and returned to the senate.

Mr. Harper, reported a Supplement to an act, to repeal an act, to create a board of public works, passed at December session 1825, chapter 166.

Which was read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

The clerk of the senate returned the bill, for the payment of the journal of accounts.

Also, the further supplement to an act, to incorporate the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company, severally endorsed, "will pass," ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, to provide for the repair of public roads in Charles county, endorsed "will not pass."

Also the bill, supplemental to an act, passed at December session 1832, to repeal an act, to abolish imprisonment for debt on certain judgments rendered by justices of the peace, passed at December session 1830, chapter 155.

Also the bill, to divorce Ann Tomkins and William Tomkins; severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments."

Which amendments were severally read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

Also the bill, for the division of Baltimore and Frederick counties, and for erecting a new one by the name of Carroll, endorsed, "amendment receded from," and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Also the resolution in favour of the printers.

Also the resolution in favour of the Adjutant General.

Also the resolution relative to the Armorer.

Also the resolution in favour of William Wills, of Frederick county.

Also the resolution in favour of Samuel G. Osborn.

Also the resolution relative to opening the navigation through the Annapolis.

Severally endorsed, "assented to," ordered to be engrossed.

Also the resolution in favour of Alexander Shafer, Nathan Fitzpatrick, and John Taylor.

Also the resolution relative to the Lottery Commissioners.

Also the resolutions relative to a State Bank; severally endorsed, "dissented from."

Also delivered the following message:—

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates—

We have received your message, on the subject of the bill, relative to Carroll county. We have reconsidered the bill, and receded from the amendment which is obnoxious to your honourable house.

The clerk of the senate also returned the supplement to an act relating to free negroes and slaves, passed at December session 1831, chapter 323; endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendments."

Which amendments were severally read the first and second time, severally assented to, except the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th sections, which were dissented from.

And delivered the following message:—