

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 19, 1816.

RESOLVED, That our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to use their exertions to procure the passage of a law prohibiting or limiting the exportation of bread stuffs, during the present year, or for a less time, as to them seem most advisable.

RESOLVED, That the honourable the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, cause copies of the above resolution to be made out and signed by the President on behalf of the Senate, and by the Speaker on behalf of the House of Delegates, and forwarded to the members of congress from this state.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Dorsey, That the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the rector of Saint John's Parish, in Harford and Baltimore counties, do lie on the table? Determined in the negative; was then read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 2, 1817.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hughlett appeared in the senate.

On motion, the bill, entitled, An act to straighten and make public a road in Prince George's county, was read the second time, and will pass with the proposed amendment, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Amendment proposed. Strike out the word "Eagle," and insert the word "Edelin."

The bill, entitled, An act to make public a road in Prince George's county, was on motion read the second time, and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. Strike out the word "my" and insert the word "by" in the sixth line from the bottom.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Ruth Moore, and her helpless children of Cæcil county, was on motion read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

Mr. Taney reported a bill, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Washington county into election districts; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Winchester reported a bill, entitled, An act for opening and extending South-street in the city of Baltimore; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The order, that the governor and council lay before the senate a statement shewing the time when the contract with J. Joseph Henry for rifles was entered into, the number of rifles contracted for, and the price to be paid for each, and also the time when the said rifles were to have been delivered by said contract, and the time when the said rifles mentioned in the communication from the executive to the present session were delivered, was on motion read the second time and adopted.

The president laid before the senate a letter from John Brewer, register of the land office for the western shore; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. Winchester, Ordered, That the clerk furnish to the printer of the Maryland Gazette a copy of the proceedings of the senate from time to time, for publication in that journal; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the council delivers the following communication from the executive:

COUNCIL CHAMBER, January 2, 1817.

The Honourable the President of the Senate, and the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to transmit to the general assembly a letter from the honourable Robert H. Goldsborough, on the subject of the state's claim against the general government for the expenses incurred by the late war.

I have the honour to be, with great respect, your obedient servant,

CHAS. RIDGELY, of Hampton.

Washington, December 19, 1816.

MY DEAR SIR,—I am very glad to find that you have called the attention of the legislature to the claim of Maryland against the United States for her expenditures on account of the militia during the war; as congress will be called on soon to act upon this subject, it is important that the claim of Maryland should be liquidated and presented immediately. The other states have done so at the last session. The greatest promptness is necessary on this subject; and I shall thank you for all the necessary information to enable me to press the claim with all possible vigour. I am sure the legislature will lose no time in giving every aid in their power.

I have the honour to be, dear Sir, your excellency's obed't. serv't.

ROB'T. H. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Which were severally read and referred to the house of delegates.

On motion of Mr. Winder, Ordered, That so much of the governor's message as relates to a revision and amendment of the militia law, be referred to a committee to examine and report thereon; which was read and referred to Messrs. Winder, Winchester and Gale.

Ordered, That the resolutions of the several state legislatures relative to amendments of the constitution of the United States, submitted by the governor with his message, be referred to a committee to examine and report thereon; which was read and referred to Messrs. Taney, Dorsey and Leigh.

Ordered, That so much of the governor's message as relates to the claim of this state on the United States for expenses incurred during the late war, together with the communication from the governor enclosing a letter from the honorable Rob't. H. Goldsborough, be referred to a committee to examine and report thereon; which was read and referred to Messrs. Van-Horn, Winder and Magruder.

Mr. Van-Horn having been excused from acting on the above committee, on account of indisposition, Mr. Taney was appointed in his place.

Ordered, That so much of the governor's message as relates to the appointment of an agent or officer to attend to the collection of the debts due to the state, be referred to a committee to examine and report thereon; which was read and referred to Messrs. Winchester, Dorsey and Emerson.