

Art. 2. In like manner, the United States of North-America shall protect and defend the vessels and effects belonging to the subjects of his Swedish majesty, which shall be in the ports, havens or roads, or on the seas near to the countries, islands, cities and towns, of the said states, and shall use their utmost efforts to recover, and restore to the right owners, all such vessels and effects which shall be taken from them, within their jurisdiction.

Art. 3. If in any future war at sea, the contracting powers resolve to remain neuter, and as such, to observe the strictest neutrality, then it is agreed, that if the merchant ships of either party should happen to be in a part of the sea where the ships of war of the same nation are not stationed, or if they are met on the high sea, without being able to have recourse to their own convoys, in that case the commander of the ships of war of the other party, if required, shall in good faith and sincerity give them all necessary assistance; and in such case, the ships of war and frigates of either of the powers, shall protect and support the merchant ships of the other; provided nevertheless, that the ships claiming assistance are not engaged in any illicit commerce, contrary to the principles of the neutrality.

Art. 4. It is agreed and concluded, that all merchants, captains of merchant ships, or other subjects of his Swedish majesty, shall have full liberty, in all places under the dominion or jurisdiction of the United States of America, to manage their own affairs, and to employ in the management of them whomsoever they please; and they shall not be obliged to make use of any interpreter or broker, nor to pay them any reward unless they make use of them. Moreover the masters of ships shall not be obliged, in loading or unloading their vessels, to employ labourers appointed by public authority for that purpose, but they shall be at full liberty themselves to load or unload their vessels, or to employ in loading or unloading them whomsoever they think proper, without paying reward under the title of salary to any other person whatever; and they shall not be obliged to turn over any kind of merchandises to other vessels, nor to receive them on board their own, nor to wait for their lading longer than they please; and all and every of the citizens, people and inhabitants, of the United States of America, shall reciprocally have and enjoy the same privileges and liberties in all places under the jurisdiction of the said realm.

Art. 5. It is agreed, that when merchandises shall have been put on board the ships or vessels of either of the contracting parties, they shall not be subjected to any examination; but all examination and search must be before lading, and the prohibited merchandises must be stopped on the spot, before they are embarked, unless there is full evidence or proof of fraudulent practice on the part of the owner of the ship, or of him who has the command of her; in which case only he shall be responsible and subject to the laws of the country in which he may be. In all other cases, neither the subjects of either of the contracting parties, who shall be with their vessels in the ports of the other, nor their merchandises, shall be seized or molested on account of contraband goods, which they shall have wanted to take on board, nor shall any kind of embargo be laid on their ships, subjects or citizens of the state whose merchandises are declared contraband, or the exportation of which is forbidden, those only who shall have sold, or intended to sell or alienate such merchandise, being liable to punishment for such contravention.

D O N E at Paris, the third day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

Signed,

GUSTAV. PHILIP Compte de CREUTZ. (L. S.)
B. FRANKLIN. (L. S.)

Petitions from John Burgess, Peter Cline, Abraham Slagle, Andrew Welsh, Jacob Nurse, and George Dagan, languishing prisoners in Frederick county gaol, praying an act may pass for their relief, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Somerville, Mr. Beatty, and Mr. Hammond, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Andrew Adams, of Frederick county, praying an act may pass, to confirm his right in a lease from the late proprietor's agent to Martin Adams, his father, in Monocacy manor, Frederick county, which through a mistake of the writer is Henry Adams instead of Andrew Adams, son of the aforesaid Martin Adams; was preferred and read, and referred to the above committee to consider and report thereon.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to constitute and appoint a select vestry, in Saint John's parish, in Prince-George's county; and Mr. Dent, Mr. Keene, and Mr. Duckett, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to change the sitting of the county courts in Saint Mary's county, from the months of August and November, to the months of March, June and September yearly; and Mr. De Butts, Mr. Key, Mr. Plowden, and Mr. Hall, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.