CONGRESS.—In Senate,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Mr. *Leib* laid before the Senate certain resolutions of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, passed in March last, approving the measures of the general government.

Mr. *Giles'* resolution, for referring so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to West Florida to a select committee was agreed to ; and Messrs. Giles, Pope, Crawford, Anderson and Bradley appointed a committee accordingly.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*,

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to commercial abuses committed under the American flag, in carrying on an illegal traffic in enslaved Africans, be referred to a committee to examine and report thereon to the Senate ; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Messrs. Campbell, Dana, Bradley, Cutts and Gilman, were appointed a committee accordingly.

Mr. *Anderson* presented the petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of Potomac, praying for a charter, which was committed to Messrs. Anderson, Gilman, Tait, Goodrich and Leib.

Messrs. Cutts, Horsey and Gilman were appointed a committee on engrossed bills.

Messrs. Leib, Campbell and Dana were appointed a committee of accounts.

Mr. Cutts was appointed on the committee of enrolled bills.

House of Representatives.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Mr. *Helms* took his seat on Friday last.

Messrs. Sheffey, Mumford, Porter, Gardner, Sawyer and Love appeared this day.

Mr. *Lewis* presented the petition of the President & Directors of the Bank of Potomac, praying for a charter ; which was referred to the committee on the district of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. *Davenport*, the usual rule was adopted for the appointment of Chaplains ; the ballotting to take place to-morrow.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

On motion of Mr. *Alston*, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union, Mr. MACON in the chair.

The message of the President of the United States having been read—

Mr. *Root* moved the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the U. States as relates to the subject of our foreign relations, be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That so much as relates to that part of West Florida, acquired by the cession of Louisiana, be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the encouragement of American manufactures and navigation, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the institution of a National University, be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the violation of laws interdicting the Slave Trade be referred to the committee of Commerce & Manufactures.

Resolved, That the part relating to fortifications be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That the part in regard to the militia be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the Corps of Engineers and Military Academy be referred to a select committee.

When the resolution respecting West Florida was under consideration :

Mr. *Newton* said he wished to know from the gentleman who moved the resolutions why he had spoken of *a part* of West Florida only? Whether the whole was not included in the cession?

Mr. *Root* said he had supposed that no more territory had been acquired by the treaty of St. Ildefonso, than lies West of the Perdido ; whilst West Florida was understood to extend as far East as Pensacola. But if the whole had been ceded, so much the better ; all that part "acquired by the cession" was embraced by the revolution.

Mr. *T. Moore* moved to amend the resolution so as to read "so much as relates to West Florida, *as ceded* to the United States."

Mr. *Mitchell* remarked that the resolution was about as perspicuous as could well be devised. If there was any ambiguity in it, it was derived from the message, in which West Florida was mentioned, although he believed no such name was to be found in the convention for the cession of Louisiana. If the resolution conformed to the message, it was not worth while to go into a discussion as to the different appellations which had at different times been given to the territory in question. Mr. M. took a brief view of the different transfers of that territory, observing that the term West Florida was not known in Spanish geography, being an arrangement made by the British whilst they held possession ; so that, in fact, this was a question of British & American geography on one side, and Spanish and French on the other. Upon the whole, as the resolution corresponded with the language of the Message, and was sufficiently intelligible at present, he was opposed to the amendment.

The amendment was lost.

When the resolution respecting the encouragement of American navigation and manufactures was under consideration—

Mr. *Burwell* suggested the propriety of referring the subjects to two distinct committees. This motion was supported by Mr. Alston. It was contended that the duties of the committee of Commerce & Manufactures were sufficiently arduous without burthening them also with the subject of manufactures. Mr. *Alston* took occasion to observe that the subject of manufactures had heretofore been rather neglected, and it was proper that more attention should be paid to it.

Mr. *Newton* opposed the motion for dividing the subject between two committees. How were they to encourage manufactures, he asked, unless by laying additional duties upon foreign tonnage and manufactures? Mr. N. repelled the insinuation that manufactures had experienced neglect under the guidance of the committee of Commerce and Manufactures. He contended that on the contrary they had thriven and flourished under their care, altho the House had never consented to take as effectual measures for their support as had been recommended by the committee.

Mr. *Mitchell* said he too was opposed to severing things which had in their nature an essential connection ; for instance, he thought that the proposed separation of the subjects of Commerce and Manufactures was unnatural and preposterous. On a review of what had been done by Congress, he thought the friends of domestic manufactures had much cause to be satisfied. He recited the various encouragements which had been given to manufactures by Congress, in permitting the importation of the raw materials free of duty, and in laying heavy duties on the importation of manufactured articles. On the whole he thought that as commerce and manufactures in fact were inseparable, they ought not to be divided by any regulation of the House.

The motion to amend was lost.

On motion of Mr. *Dawson* the resolution respecting fortifications was amended by inserting the words, "land forces and" preceding the word "fortifications."

On motion of Mr. *Bassett* the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, that so much as relates to the Navy of the United States be referred to a select committee.

The committee rose and reported the resolutions to the House, which were immediately adopted ; and the several committees ordered to be appointed accordingly.

Mr. *Bacon* remarked that at present a doubt might exist whether the subject of the defects in the non-intercourse law, alluded to in the Message, was referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures or to the committee of foreign relations. To remove this doubt he moved the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the U. States as relates to the defects which may be found to exist in the provisions of the act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, be referred to the committee of Foreign Relations.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. *Macon*, said that he had, late in the last session, laid upon the table a motion to amend the constitution of the United States. He had done it at that time merely with a view to give notice of his intention to offer such a proposition at the present session. This amendment spoke so plainly for itself that it was unnecessary to explain it.—It would be seen that its object was to prevent any member of Congress from accepting an appointment in the Presidential term during which he might be a member ; for instance, it would go to prevent any member of the present Congress from accepting an appointment under the present Chief Magistrate. The following is the resolution :

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several states, which when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the states shall be valid and binding as a part of the constitution of the United States.

"No Senator or Representative, after having taken his seat, shall during the time for which he was elected be eligible to any civil appointment under the authority of the United States, nor shall any person be eligible to any such appointment until the expiration of the Presidential term, during which such person shall have been a Senator or Representative."

This resolve was on motion of Mr. Macon referred to the committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Legislature of Maryland.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13.

The clerk of the senate delivered the bill annulling the marriage of Thomas Taylor and Phebe his wife ;—the bill to appoint Th. Woodfield, of Anne-Arundel county, trustee for the real estate of Joshua Hall, late of said county, deceased ;—the further supplement to an act for the valuation of real & personal property within this State ; and the bill for founding an academy at Hagerstown :—severally endorsed "will pass," and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Comegys, the question was put that leave be given to bring in a bill to withdraw the donations from the several public schools in this State, and determined the affirmative, yeas 32—nays 30 ; Ordered, that Messrs Comegys, Perry, Jackson, Stevens, Frazier, Gather and Barber, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house, according to the order of day, proceeded to the second reading of the resolution relative to the United States Bank ; and, after very considerable discussion, and various motions for amendment, which went to do away the object of the resolution, and render it an unmeaning mass of words, the house adjourned, without taking the question on its final passage.

Friday, Dec. 14.

The house resumed the consideration of the resolution relative to the United States Bank, and after some discussion, and several amendments proposed and negatived, the question for adjournment was put and carried.

Saturday, Dec. 15.

On motion of Mr, Quinton the following message was read, and agreed to.

Gentlemen of the Senate ; Being conscious it is our bounden duty to bring the session to as speedy a close as may be compatible with the interest of the state, and as we have no business but what may be finished by Saturday the 22d inst. we propose with the concurrence of your house to adjourn on that day.

The clerk of the Senate delivered the bill to incorporate the Stockholders of the Franklin Bank of Baltimore—the bill to incorporate the Stockholders of the Commercial and Farmers Bank, and the bill to incorporate the stockholders of the Marine Bank of Baltimore, severally endorsed will pass.

The following message was received from the Senate, addressed to the House of Delegates.—Gentlemen, We have nearly finished all the business which is now before us, and are under a strong impression that the present session may terminate on the 22d of this month. We therefore propose with the concurrence of your house, to close the session on that day.

According to the order of the day, the house proceeded to the second reading of the bill to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne Arundal and Calvert counties, and on the question being taken on the passage of the bill it was determined in the negative—yeas 34—nays 36.

Monday, December 17.

The supplement to an act to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne Arundel and Calvert counties, and the message proposing to close the session were sent to the senate.

Mr. Emory delivered a bill relating to costs in criminal cases, and repealing an act therein mentioned ; which was read.

Mr. Wilson delivered a petition from Evans Hudson, and others, of Worcester county, praying for the sale of the real estate of Robert M. Richardson, deceased ; which was read and referred.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, leave given to bring in a supplement to the act, authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine, and to erect pumps, in the town of Easton, in Talbot county.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the report in favour of John Moore, and after hearing counsel at the bar in support of the same, the question was put, That the house concur with the said report, and assent to the resolution therein contained? Determined in the negative—yeas 8—nays 46.

Tuesday, December 18.

Mr. Frazier delivered a bill entitled an act regulating lawyers' fees.

The house according to the order of the day proceeded to the second reading of the bill to prevent the increase of banking companies, and on motion by Mr. Randall the question was put that the further consideration of the same be referred to the next General Assembly. Determined in the negative. The question was then put, shall the said bill pass? resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Groome delivered a bill entitled an act for the encouragement of Elijah Eleason, of Cæcil county, to establish a woollen factory, which was read.

On motion by Mr. Wainwright, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate a manufacturing company on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

On motion by Mr. T. Williams, ordered that the bill to elect the constables by the people, have a second reading on Friday next.

Wednesday, December 19.

On motion by Mr. Frazier, ordered, that the bill to alter and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as to make the clerks of the Court of Appeals, the clerks of the County Courts, and the Register of Wills, removeable only for misbehaviour on conviction in a court of law, be re-committed for amendment.

Mr. Davis delivered a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, praying for an act of the legislature to decrease the number of Dogs—and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Jackson delivertd a bill to repeal the 21st section of an act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session, 1805.

The bill for the relief and benefit of David Hanlon—the bill relating to constables' fees of Talbot county—and the bill to confirm an act passed at November session, 1809, entitled, an act to repeal and abolish the 45th article of the constitution and form of government—were read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house, agreeably to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill relative to the inspection of lumber ; and the question was put—shall the said bill pass? resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 60, Nays 5.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the additional supplement to the act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts ; and, on the question being put on the passage of the bill, it was resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 61, nays 6.

Mr. Groome delivered a bill to prevent the destruction of sheep by dogs, and for other purposes—Adjourned.

A LIST OF LAWS

PASSED NOVEMBER SESSION, 1810.

An act to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year.

An act for the benefit of the people in Kent county, called Quakers.

An act for the support of William Clarke, and his helpless family, of Worcester county.

An act to make valid a deed from Arthur Woolford to James Laird, of Somerset county.

An act to alter and change the place of holding the election in the third election district in Cæcil county, and for other purposes.

An act relating to servants and slaves.

An act to authorise Hannah A. Hayes guardian of the heirs at law of Stephen Hayes, deceased, to convey certain lands therein mentioned, lying in Cæcil county.

An act to confirm an act passed at November session, 1809, entitled, An act to alter and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as require a property qualification in persons to be appointed, or holding offices of profit or trust in the state, and in persons elected members of the legislature, or electors of the senate.

An act to confirm an act passed at November session, 1809, entitled, An act to alter all such parts of the declaration of rights, constitution and form of government as make it lawful to lay an equal and a general tax for the support of the Christian Religion.

A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, an act to direct descents.

A supplement to an act, entitled, an act to lay out and make public a road therein mentioned, in Cæcil county, passed on the sixth day of January, 1809.

A supplement to an act, entitled, an act to lay out and open a certain road in Cæcil county, passed the third day of January, 1807.

An act to confirm an act passed at November session, 1809, entitled, an act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to voters and qualification of voters.

A further supplement to the act, entitled, an act for the amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons.

An act to alter and change a road in the village of Denton, in Caroline county.

An act to prevent the erection of booths within two miles of any methodist camp or quarterly meeting in Worcester, Kent, Allegany, Caroline or Cæcil counties.

An act to establish a bank, and incorporate a company, under the name of the Elkton Bank of Maryland.

A further supplement to an act, entitled, an act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state.

An act for the benefit of the children of Littleton Robbins, junior, deceasd, of Worcester county.

An act to open and make public an alley in the town of Snow Hill, in Worcester county.

A further supplement to the act, entitled. an act relating to negroes and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

A supplement to an act, entitled, an act to empower the trustee herein after named to sell certain lands of the late William O'Bryon, deceased, situate, lying and being in Queen-Ann's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Marine Bank of Baltimore.

An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Franklin Bank of Baltimore.

An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Commercial and Farmers Bank of Baltimore.

An act for the benefit of Robert Hurd, of Caroline county.

An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Baltimore.

An act to confirm an act passed at November session, eighteen hundred and nine, entitled, an act to abolish and repeal the forty-fifth article of the constitution and form of government.

An act for the benefit of Samuel T. Parker, of Worcester county.

An act authorising the levy court of Worcester county to levy a sum of money for the support of William Peacock, of Worcester county.

A supplement to an act, entitled, an act to lay out and open a road in Caroline county.

A supplement to the act, entitled, an act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to purchase a fire engine and erect pumps in the town of Easton, in Talbot county.

An act to prevent nuisances in the neighbourhood of fisheries on the river Susquehanna and at the head of Chesapeake bay.

A supplement to an act, entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from near Ellicott's lower mills towards George-town, in the district of Columbia.

An act to provide for the building a bridge over Big Pipe creek, in Frederick county.

An act to pay the civil list and other expences of civil government.

An act relating to constables fees in Talbot county.

An act to prevent the increase of banking companies.

An additional supplement to an act, entitled, an act to prevent the going at large of swine in the village of Hillsborough, in Caroline county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An act to change and alter the name of Richard Cooke, of Queen-Ann's county, to that of Richard Cooke Tilghman.

An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Choptank river, at or near Dover ferry.

An act for the relief of Francis C. Hall, of Queen-Ann's county.

An act regulating attornies fees.

An act authorising Philemon C. Blake, late sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, to complete his collection.

An act for the benefit of John Parker, of Worcester county.

An act to authorise the sheriffs and collectors of the several counties of this state, to complete their collections.

A supplement to the act, entitled, an act to incorporate the stockholders of the Mechanics bank of Baltimore.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.

Capt Smith, 35 days from Gibralter, informs that an expedition of 3000 men, under Lord Blancy, sailed from Gibraltar, to retake Malaga ; but the French attacked them, when about half of them were landed, and obliged them to re-embark, leaving a considerable part of the troops that were landed in possession of the French.

PROCLAMATION

OF THE GENERAL-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY OF PORTUGAL.

Head-Quarters at Bucellas, Oct 17.

"SOLDIERS !——You have conquered Portugal a second time. In three weeks you have gained three pitched battles ; have taken 6000 prisoners, two generals, fifteen pieces of cannon, 100 waggons, and four stand of colours.

"These haughty English, who a month ago idly calculated upon victory, are now within your chains or fly before you. You have crushed in an instant the principal enemy of the French empire. So many high exploits ought not to make you proud, but to inspire you with confidence ; they ought to teach you never to count your enemies, however numerous they may be ——The conquerers of Marengo, Austerlitz, and Wagram, are to attack and destroy them. Renew the boasted examples of Marathon and Plataea. Like the Greek phalanx, the brigades of the army of Portugal shall be immortal. Receive then the mark of the satisfaction of your General, that only precedes that of the whole country, and of the rising posterity.

"Be always impetuous and valiant.—Death shrinks from the agile and the brave whilst his attacks are only made upon the dastard and the coward. Fear it not then : while you fight under the banner of his majesty, you must be victorious.

(Signed)

"MASSENA.

"Prince of Essling, and commander-in-chief of the Army in Portugal."