

recovered, they being due for property sold and not conveyed, or foreclosed by notes with sufficient indorsers; and the difficulty of enforcing payment is such, they cannot be relied on for the punctual payment of the interest on the several loans from the Rate of Maryland, of the sums due to individuals and the expenses of the commissionaires office.

We further observe, that only 3 squares remain undivided, owing to the original proprietors not having agreed on their respective proportions thereof; and that the division of 23 squares has been agreed upon, but the papers respecting them not yet signed by the parties; and that the accounts with some of the original proprietors, for land appropriated to public use, have not been settled, owing to a difference of opinion between the commissionaires and them, with respect to small portions of land for which they claim payment.

Thomas Beall and John M. Gantt, the trustees before named, have, at the request of the President of the United States, conveyed the building lots in the city of Washington, to Gullivus Scott, William Thornton and Alexander White, subject to the trusts remaining to be executed.—Gullivus Scott has since deceased. The said trustees have been requested by the President to convey the streets and grounds appropriated to public use, to the commissionaires, but have not complied.

Several acts of the Legislature of Maryland have vested certain powers in the commissionaires, which it may be proper to notice; particularly, an act passed 19th December, 1791, intitled, "An act concerning the territory of Columbia and city of Washington," a copy whereof is enclosed, marked H; and an act passed in December, 1792, better a farther supplement to the act above mentioned. By the first paragraph of which, it is enacted, "That the certificates granted, or which may be granted by the said commissionaires, or any two of them, to purchasers of lots in the said city, with acknowledgement of the payment of the whole purchase money and interest, if any shall have arisen thereon, and recorded agreeably to the directions of the act concerning the territory of Columbia and city of Washington, shall be sufficient and effectual to vest the legal title in the purchasers, their heirs and assigns, according to the import of said certificate, without any deed or formal conveyance."

The second paragraph of the last mentioned act, empowers the said commissionaires to sell lots for sale in payment of the said purchase money, has been before referred to.

The commissionaires having stated all the facts and observations, which appear to them necessary for the information of your committee, respecting the business committed to their charge, with the greatest deference and respect submit the same to the consideration of the President of the United States

WILLIAM THORNTON,  
ALEX. WHITE,  
W. CANNON.  
Commissioners' Office,  
24th Jan. 1801.

### For Sale.

A Small tract of land containing 120 acres more or less. It is on the road to Red Bank, and lies between the river and the sea, and is healthy and fertile. Terms are one third to be paid on possession being given, the remainder in two yearly payments. Enquire of the printer, or of the Commissionaires Office, City of Washington.

If not sold within a month it will be rented for 60 years.

January 28th, 1801.

### Conrad & M'Munn

HAVE opened houses of entertainment in the centre of buildings formerly occupied by Mr. Munn, about 100 yards from the City of Washington, in New Jersey avenue, leading from thence to the Eastern Branch. They are spacious and convenient, one of which is designed for stage passengers and travellers, the other for the accommodation of boarders. There is a bar liquor sufficient for 60 boarders.—They hope to meet with a generous patronage.

City of Washington, Nov. 24, 1800.

### LOTS FOR SALE.

THE SUBSCRIBER offers for sale a number of valuable Lots beautifully situated between the Capitol and the Eastern Branch. Also a few Lots to be let on lease for ninety nine years in the vicinity of the Navy yard.

WILLIAM PERRY,  
City of Washington, Dec. 15, 1800.  
No. 1 A few Lots of land in the City of Washington, and some other land.

### WASHINGTON CITY.

MONDAY, FEB. 23, 1801.

#### In the House of Representatives of the United States.

Thursday, February 19, 1801.

Ordered that the Committee appointed on the Seventeenth instant, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that Thomas Jefferson is elected President of the United States, for the term commencing on the fourth day of March next, be authorized to notify the President elect thereof.

The committee instructed on the 18th inst. to wait on the President elect, and notify him of his election.

#### REPORT.

That they have, according to order received, that service, and addressed the President elect, in the following words:—"The committee beg leave to express their wishes for the prosperity of your administration; and their sincere desire that you may promote your own happiness and the welfare of your country."

To which the President elect, was pleased to make the following reply:

"I receive, gentlemen, with profound thankfulness, this testimony of confidence from the great representative council of our nation. It fills up the measure of that grateful satisfaction, which had already been derived from the suffrages of my fellow citizens themselves, designating me as one of those to whom they were willing to commit this charge, the most important of all others to them. In deciding between the candidates, whose equal vote presented to your choice, I am sensible that age has been respected, more than merit, and that the difficulties which I am called, and feel and acknowledge my incompetence to them. But whatsoever of understanding, whatsoever of diligence, whatsoever of justice, or of affection, I may possess for the happiness of my country, I have placed providence to place within the compass of my faculties, shall be called forth for the discharge of the duties confided to me, and for procuring to my fellow citizens all the benefit which our constitution has laid under the management of the general government. Guided by the wisdom and patriotism of those to whom it belongs to express the legislative will of the nation, I will give to that will a faithful execution. I pray you to convey to the honorable body from which I received the homage of my humble acknowledgements, and the sentiments of zeal and fidelity, by which I shall endeavor to merit their proofs of confidence from the nation and its representatives.

Accept yourselves, gentlemen, my particular thanks for the obliging terms in which you have been pleased to communicate their will.

THOMAS JEFFERSON.  
February 20, 1801.  
Messrs. Pinckney, Tazewell, }  
and Bayard. }

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, Feb. 20, 1801.

The petitions of Matthias Shroyer and Margaret Colleton were presented and referred to the Committee of claims.

A petition from sundry persons, residing on lands belonging to U. S. lying between Matkinson and Scioto rivers, praying to be allowed a pre-emption to the lands on which the petitioners are settled on more favourable terms than those heretofore granted by law.

Referred to Messrs. Dennis, M'Millan and Christie.

A motion being made and seconded, that the house do come to the following resolution, viz.

Resolved that the Speaker of this house, in directing the Sergeant at Arms to order and expel from the gallery of this house, Samuel Harrison Smith, a citizen of the United States, has assumed a power not given him by the rules of this house, and deprived the said Samuel Harrison Smith of a right, which can only be forfeited by a disorderly behavior.

Mr. DAVENPORT. Mr. Speaker, my intention is to call for the Resolution, which is read by me the other day, which re-

lates to the conduct of the Speaker towards Mr. Smith: But before I call up the Resolution I will remark that I have not introduced it with a view to afford myself an opportunity of venting invectives or personalities against the Speaker. The due respect to this House forbids a conduct of that sort. They chide the fact: the Speaker has done, compared with my own forbids it. I contend for principle; and those who differ from me on this point, in opinion, may meet me on this ground and by a fair and dispassionate argument, defeat the liberty of which I should be glad to be satisfied; it will be the most agreeable method to me. But if Gentlemen are disposed to introduce a paper into the Debate, I am ready to repeat it.

Resolved unanimously that the Speaker be excused from deciding whether the said matter is in order or not.

The question was then taken, viz. "Is this motion in order?" and it passed in the negative, as follows, Yeas 49, Nays 54.

Messrs. Alton, Bailey, Bishop, R. Brown, Cabell, Christie, Clay, Claiborne, Condit, Davis, Dawson, Dent, Eggleston, Elmendorf, Fowler, Gallatin, Gray, Gregg, Hanna, Heister, Holmes, Jackson, Kitchell, Lewis, Lyon, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Mathews, Moore, Nicholas, Nicholson, Randolph, Smilie, J. Smith, S. Smith, Spaight, Stanford, Stone, Sumner, Stuart, Talliferro, Thompson, A. Triggs, J. Trigg, Tazewell, Van Cortlandt, Varnum, R. Williams—49.

Messrs. Baer, Bartlett, Bayard, Bird, J. Brown, Champlin, Cooper, Craik, Dana, J. Davenport, F. Davenport, Dennis, Dickson, Edmond, Evans, Fellers, Eresman, Giles, Goodrich, G. Goodrich, H. Goodrich, Griffin, Groves, Harper, Henderson, Hill, Huger, Inlay, Kittera, H. Lee, S. Lee, Lincoln, Mattoon, Morris, Otis, Page, Parker, Pinckney, Platt, Powell, J. Reed, N. Reed, Rutledge, Shepard, J. G. Smith, Sheafe, Tenney, Thacher, J. W. Thomas, Wadsworth, Wain, L. Williams, Woods—54.

And for the said motion was not in order. A motion was then made and seconded that the house do come to the following resolution, viz.

Resolved that the power of the Speaker or chairman of the committee of the whole, shall not be confined to extend (unless by consent of the house, previously obtained, or in case of disorderly behaviour) to the exclusion of any member from the lobby when introduced by any member of the house, or from the gallery, when the same is generally opened.

The previous question was called for by the members, viz. "shall the main question be agreed to the said motion be now put?"

Whereupon the said question being under consideration, Mr. Livingston, having addressed the speaker did in the opinion of the speaker proceed to debate the main question, and being thereupon called to order by the speaker.

Whereupon an appeal was made to the house, from the decision of the speaker, and on the question of concurring with the speaker in his said decision, it was resolved in the affirmative—Yeas 60, Nays 42, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baer, Bartlett, Bayard, Bird, J. Brown, Champlin, Cooper, Craik, Dana, J. Davenport, F. Davenport, Dennis, Dent, Dickson, Edmond, Evans, Fellers, Eresman, Giles, Goodrich, G. Goodrich, H. Goodrich, Griffin, Groves, Hanna, Harper, Henderson, Hill, Huger, Inlay, Kitchell, Kittera, H. Lee, S. Lee, Lincoln, Mattoon, Morris, Otis, Page, Parker, Pinckney, Platt, Powell, J. Reed, N. Reed, Rutledge, Shepard, J. G. Smith, Sheafe, Tenney, Thacher, J. W. Thomas, Wadsworth, Wain, L. Williams, Woods—60.

Nays—Messrs. Alton, Bailey, Bishop, R. Brown, Cabell, Christie, Clay, Claiborne, Condit, Davis, Dawson, Dent, Eggleston, Elmendorf, Fowler, Gallatin, Gray, Gregg, Hanna, Heister, Holmes, Jackson, Kitchell, Lewis, Lyon, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Mathews, Moore, Nicholas, Nicholson, Randolph, Smilie, S. Smith, Spaight, Stanford, Stone, Sumner, Stuart, Talliferro, Thompson, A. Triggs, J. Trigg, Tazewell, Van Cortlandt, Varnum, R. Williams—42.

YEAS.

Messrs. Alton, Bailey, Bishop, R. Brown, Cabell, Christie, Clay, Claiborne, Condit, Davis, Dawson, Dent, Eggleston, Elmendorf, Fowler, Gallatin, Gray, Gregg, Hanna, Heister, Holmes, Jackson, Kitchell,

Leib, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Mathews, Moore, Nicholas, Nicholson, Randolph, Smilie, J. Smith, S. Smith, Spaight, Stanford, Stone, Sumner, Stuart, Talliferro, Thompson, A. Triggs, J. Trigg, Tazewell, Van Cortlandt, Varnum, R. Williams, Woods—50.

NAYS.

Messrs. Baer, Bartlett, Bayard, Bird, J. Brown, Champlin, Cooper, Craik, Dana, J. Davenport, F. Davenport, Dennis, Dickson, Edmond, Evans, Fellers, Eresman, Giles, Goodrich, G. Goodrich, H. Goodrich, Griffin, Groves, Harper, Henderson, Hill, Huger, Inlay, Kittera, H. Lee, S. Lee, Lincoln, Mattoon, Morris, Otis, Page, Parker, Pinckney, Platt, Powell, J. Reed, N. Reed, Rutledge, Shepard, J. G. Smith, Sheafe, Tenney, Thacher, J. W. Thomas, Wadsworth, Wain, L. Williams—53.

A message was received from the President of the U. States, as follows.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives.

I transmit to Congress a report received this morning from Elias Beudant, Esq. director of the Mint dated February 13, 1801, which will require the attention and sanction of Congress before the close of the session.

JOHN ADAMS.

United States, }  
Feb. 20, 1801.

The message and report were read, and ordered to be on the table.

Mr. MACON, from the committee of claims, made report on the petition of Charles Tomkins, in behalf of Arnold H. Dohman and others, whereupon resolved, That the United States be authorized to issue a patent for the township in the 7th range to Arnold H. Dohman or his legal representatives, agreeable to a resolution of Congress of October 13, 1787, and that a bill be introduced for that purpose.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to revive and continue "An act declaring the contest of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland passed the 25th of December, 1793, for the amendment of a local act."

Ordered that the committee of Revision and unfinished business bring in said bill.

Mr. PINCKNEY, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported that the committee had called on the President of the United States, and desired him that Thomas Jefferson is elected President of the United States, commencing on the 4th of March.

The house resumed the consideration of the amendments reported yesterday from the committee of the whole to which was proposed the following: "and that the act to regulate the collection of duties on tonnage, and which were agreed to by the house, and the bill, after further amendment, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading tomorrow.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21, 1801.

A report was read in favour of continuing the MINT ESTABLISHMENT at Philadelphia till March 3, 1802, and agreed to, and a committee appointed to introduce a bill to that effect.—The house went into committee on the report of Mr. Morris in the chair, on the following bill.

The committee reported the bill without amendment, and on the question of engrossing for a third reading, it was decided in the negative, and of course the bill fell.—The yeas and nays are as follow:

Yeas—Messrs. Baer, Bartlett, Bayard, J. Brown, Champlin, Cooper, Craik, Dana, J. Davenport, F. Davenport, Dennis, Dickson, Edmond, Evans, Fellers, Eresman, Giles, Goodrich, G. Goodrich, H. Goodrich, Griffin, Groves, Harper, Henderson, Hill, Huger, Inlay, Kittera, H. Lee, S. Lee, Lincoln, Mattoon, Morris, Otis, Page, Pinckney, Platt, Powell, J. Reed, N. Reed, Rutledge, Shepard, J. G. Smith, Sheafe, Tenney, Thacher, J. W. Thomas, Wadsworth, Wain, L. Williams, Woods—53.

NAYS—Messrs. Alton, Bailey, Bishop, R. Brown, Cabell, Christie, Clay, Claiborne, Condit, Davis, Dawson, Dent, Eggleston, Elmendorf, Fowler, Gallatin, Gray, Gregg, Hanna, Heister, Holmes, Jackson, Kitchell, Lewis, Lincoln, Lyon, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Mathews, Moore, Nicholas, Nicholson, Parker, Randolph, Smilie, J. Smith, S. Smith, Spaight, Stanford, Stone, Sumner, Stuart, Talliferro, Thompson, A. Triggs, J. Trigg, Tazewell, Van Cortlandt, Varnum, R. Williams—43.

The house went into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate in relation to the Territory of Columbia, and after considering the same, reported progress, and agreed there to fit again.